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HURRICANE KATRINA

Fire Chief to Andover firefighters:

Do not deploy (yet)

By Rita Savard

Andover Fire Chief Chuck Murnane has declared he will not send town firefighters to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief efforts – at least not yet – citing widespread “unlawful chaos.”

The lone exception has been Fire Deputy Richard Hartman, who is specially trained and is already a member of a FEMA relief team.

The lack of organization shown by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in accommodating visiting firefighters, and its overall efforts in controlling the country's largest natural disaster, according to Murnane, was the reasoning behind his written order that Andover firefighters not deploy – even if they want to make the trip to Louisiana independently.

A Sept. 2 memo from Murnane was issued to all fire-department personnel, stating the department would not be answering a national FEMA request for 1,000 two-person firefighter teams to assist citizens in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama “at this time.” The notice also stated that “no one will self-deploy to that region.”

“Last week, a police officer was shot in the head and killed,” said Murnane. “When I turn on the news and see people shooting at helicopters,

at firemen, at each other, there is no way I'm going to put my men in that kind of danger.”

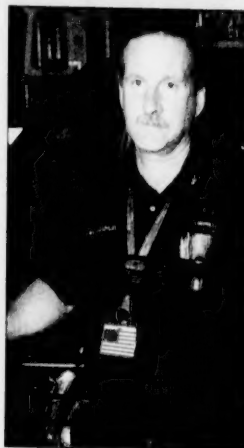
Floods in the region have left thousands of Katrina's victims homeless and without adequate water, medical supplies and food. Delayed support has resulted in a climate thick with crime in some areas, according to publicized accounts from several disaster relief workers. Wal-Mart, one of the region's largest gun suppliers, abruptly stopped selling firearms at 40 stores located throughout the Gulf Coast last Thursday, according to Associated Press reports. Police have also begun confiscating guns from citizens with legal permits due to a high incidence of shootings in the region.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin pleaded on national television for firefighters to assist with relief efforts in the flooded city last week, after his own were exhausted from working around the clock for a week straight.

Murnane said if the state fire marshal requested a team from Andover, he would have sent one, but otherwise it seemed unsafe. Murnane said talking to other fire chiefs also influenced his final decision. According to local fire

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THE EXCEPTION



• Andover Fire Deputy Richard Hartman, already a FEMA-team member, responded.
• Phillips pays tuition for 19 students.

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Selectmen, 3-2, switch vote on senior center

By Greta Cuyler

Proponents of a new senior center at Special Town Meeting on Sept. 27 will need to overcome the official recommendations of both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Changing the vote he made before April Town Meeting, Selectman John Hess has recommended disapproval of the senior-center article, swinging selectmen's vote to 3-2 to recommend disapproval of building a \$7.6 million senior center.

Defending his position against senior center proponents who demanded an explanation for his change since April, Hess replied, “What's changed is that it's already been voted on.” He believes Andover

residents are unwilling to back the project at its current size and cost and told residents and other members of the board, “It's time to move on.”

Residents at the Sept. 8 Board of Selectmen meeting reserved their harshest criticism for Selectman Brian Major. They charged that his 11th hour suggestion to build a community center instead of a senior center – a suggestion made just days before April Town Meeting – sabotaged that townwide vote for a new senior center.

“You should never have charged a Senior Center Task Force,” if that was the goal, said Selectman Mary Lyman, liaison to the task force. Resident Mary Carbone told Major his

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‘Our cause was just’

Vietnam memorial proposed for Park; new Korean memorial for Ballardvale

By Rita Savard

Andover Veterans' Services unveiled plans this week to erect two new monuments in honor of Andover's fallen servicemen and women from the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Preliminary designs for such veterans' memorials exist and the monuments are expected to be installed by May for a Memorial Day dedication ceremony, said Veterans' Services Director John Doherty.

Currently a rock with a bronze plaque at Ballardvale

Green combines the names of 10 Andover servicemen killed in Korea and Vietnam. Doherty said the veterans of both wars should have memorials of their own.

“The scope of the rock (in Ballardvale) is entirely too understated,” Doherty said. “Hundreds of men and women from town voluntarily served in each of these wars. We're not trying to wallpaper Andover with monuments. We just want to give credit where credit is due.”

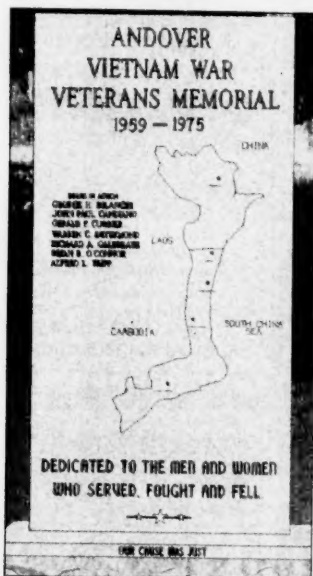
According to Doherty's records, 1,002 Andoverites served during Vietnam and 867 during Korea.

“The town can no longer abide by a little rock in Ballardvale to represent these local people,” Doherty said.

The new Korean War Veterans Memorial is expected to replace the rock at Ballardvale Green.

An early-stage sketch of the Vietnam monument, approximately 7-feet tall and 4-feet wide, lists the names of seven servicemen killed in action during the country's longest-fought war. Beside their names is a map of the region in which they saw com-

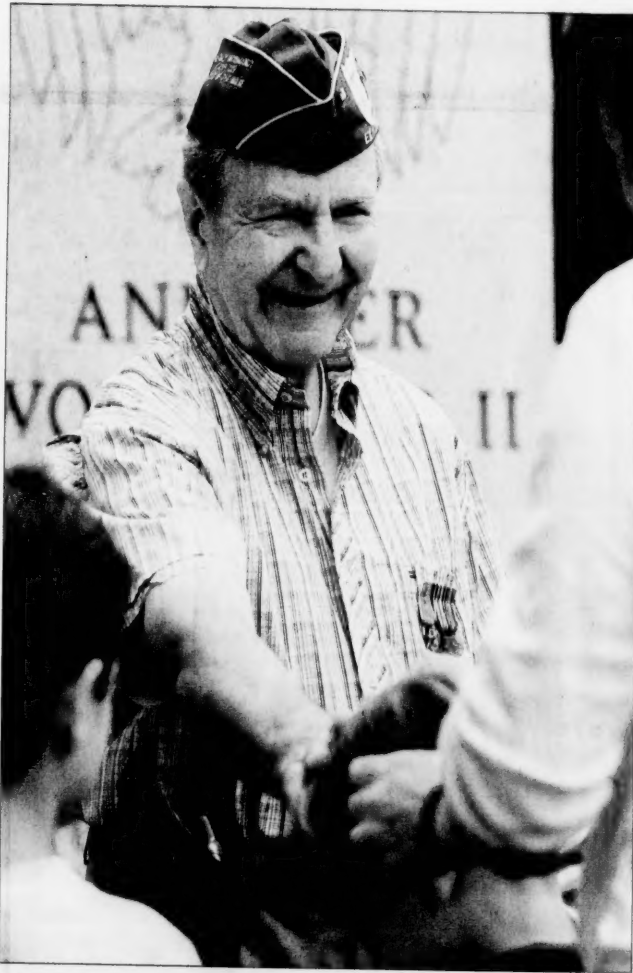
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A sketch of the preliminary design for a Vietnam War Memorial.

‘Dead’ for 40 years

World War II prisoner of war Heliotis pulled a Mark Twain on author



Louis Heliotis, who spent a year during World War II as a prisoner of war, greets a thankful resident last Friday. Forty years after returning home, Heliotis found himself listed in a book as killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

By Rita Savard

Louis Heliotis refers to it as “Sad Sack.” The small, Belgian village, Sadzot, had one main road and about a dozen farmhouses. On a December night in 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, Heliotis, then 19, was captured by German soldiers on its blood-soaked street. He was kept as a prisoner of war for one year.

Last Friday, the 80-year-old Heliotis, along with his family and a small group of about six Andover war veterans, bowed their heads in prayer as they paid tribute to American servicemen and women who were prisoners of war, and to those who are still listed as missing in action. Sept. 9 was National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and a ceremony commemorating Andover's own was held at the World War II Veterans Memorial in the Park.

“Ask any veteran and most will probably tell you that they know someone who was captured or missing,” said John Doherty, Andover veterans' services director.

Since the US Civil War, Doherty said, 33 Andover servicemen have been on record as prisoners of war. Six men died during their prison term, two in World War II and four during the Civil War. No one from Andover has been listed as missing in action.

“Louis Heliotis had the unique experience of being captured and then returning home, only to read in a book that he had been killed,” Doherty said.

Heliotis' company, the 87th Chemical Mortar Battalion (Company B), suddenly found themselves under enemy fire in Sadzot in 1944. Hitler had turned his focus to the tiny hamlet as a last-ditch effort to recover momentum lost at Bastogne. By

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JOHN DOHERTY
TOWN VETERANS' DIRECTOR

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Agents must pay real-estate firm

Jury finds 10 harmed firm's value in 2001 takeover effort

By Judy Wakefield

A former Andover real estate company has won a lawsuit against 10 of its former agents.

Nearly five years ago, 10 real estate agents at the Re/Max Preferred office in Andover issued an ultimatum to the owners of the realty firm. Citing “lack of management, poor advertising and unattractive office space,” the realtors demanded that the owners sell them the business within 48 hours or they would leave, according to the company's lawyers.

The Methuen owners did not sell and they say the realtors left, most moving on to work at competing real estate agencies, taking their Re/Max Preferred listings with them.

Owners Stephen and Joseph Fischelli of Methuen, who are brothers, and their late father, Alfred Fischelli, sued the 10 realtors for damaging their business, and an Essex County jury sitting in Lawrence District Court ruled Aug. 31 in

their favor.

The jury awarded \$240,000 in damages to Re/Max Preferred for the loss of value of its Andover franchise, which was located downtown at the corner of Park and Florence streets.

“We were forced to close the Andover office,” said Joseph Fischelli, who also has a Re/Max real estate office in Methuen and stated that it has been successful for the past 20 years.

He had no comment on the damages award because he said his company plans to file a second complaint. That complaint will be officially filed later this week and will be heard by a trial judge, he said. It alleges that the same group of 10 realtors “engaged in unfair and deceptive conduct,” according to a press release from the Fischellis' lawyers at Berluti & McLaughlin in Boston.

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Selectmen switch

SENIOR CENTER

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actions were "a credibility issue."

Major defended his actions and expressed his disappointment that the board did not consider Andover Youth Foundation's recent offer to postpone construction on their West Andover site to discuss a joint community center.

AYF President Larry Larsen withdrew the group's proposal in a July 27 letter to the board. The group is still under pressure to break ground on their West Andover site by June 1, 2006. Major believes AYF would still be willing to consider a joint center if the board would extend AYF's groundbreaking deadline to June 1, 2007.

Hess warned potential sav-

ings inherent in a community center as a result of economies of scale might not be as large as anticipated, since both youth and seniors would still need the same facilities as at individual centers, including a climbing wall, recording studio, arts and crafts areas and a kitchen. But resident Ron Hill urged the board to consider future energy- and maintenance-cost savings of a center with some shared areas.

Resident Robert Schreiber said a vote against the senior center is penny-wise, but pound-foolish. "An investment now is a very small investment in keeping seniors here," he said.

The town's Finance Committee voted disapproval on the building of a new senior center at the proposed \$7.6 million cost at its meeting on Sept. 6.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING: VOTE IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

A Special Town Meeting to decide the ultimate fate of a \$7.6 million new senior center proposal will be held Sept. 27.

Council on Aging member Dorothy Bresnahan submitted a petition to Town Clerk Randall Hanson on Aug. 15 with more than 200 signatures from registered voters. It called for a Special Town Meeting to vote again on the new senior center proposal that was defeated by just 16 votes at Town Meeting last spring.

Unregistered voters have until tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. to register to vote at the town clerk's office at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St. Voters registered by this time will be able to vote at Special Town Meeting.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - At 4:10 p.m., Gwendolynn A. Nixon, 27, of 2 Museum Square, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for possession of a class A substance (heroin) and possession of a hypodermic needle.

At 7:30 p.m., Dawn A. Chretien, 35, of 55 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle, driving with a revoked license after an driving-under-the-influence conviction, operating under the influence of alcohol (second offense), and operating an unregistered and uninsured motor vehicle. Chretien was also charged on a warrant for motor-vehicle violations.

At 8:28 p.m., Bryan Dumont, 30, of 55 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged on warrants for possession of a class B substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene.

At 9:15 p.m., Elizabeth C. Vaughan, 19, was arrested and charged with underage drinking, a marked lanes violation, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, operation under the influence of alcohol and possessing a class D substance.

Thursday, Sept. 8 - At 2:08 p.m., William G. Knight, 19, of 2516 Judy Ave., Rapid City, S.D., was arrested and charged with a peddling door-to-door violation.

At 5:14 p.m., Joseph A. Miara, III, 17, of 20 Seten Circle, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250.

Friday, Sept. 9 - At 9:34 p.m., Derek J. Leider, 17, of 3 Wyncrest Circle, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and possession of a class D substance.

Saturday, Sept. 10 - At 1:02 p.m., Mark Dangelo, 25, of 64 Brookfield St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 11:35 p.m., James C. Comosa, 19, of 7 Rivercrest Drive, was arrested and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Monday, Sept. 12 - At 10:47 a.m., Brian P. Keefe, 50, of 44 Bailey Road, was arrested and charged on a warrant for defaulting court.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - At 9:37 a.m., a resident reported that someone tried to set him on fire the day before. Police filed a report.

At 12:56 p.m., a resident reported her neighbor pulled into his driveway and kept driving into the woods. Police arrived at the address and said the driver's foot had slipped off the brake. The driver suffered a minor scrape on his leg.

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Jury decides for real-estate firm

REAL ESTATE SUIT

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"Because of that pending litigation, I have no further comment, on the advice of my attorney," Fisichelli said.

That pending litigation also prevented local realtor Bill Buck, who is one of the 10 realtors, from commenting on the case.

"I can't comment at this time as this is still pending before the court," said Buck who is now with Stone Wall Real Estate.

Richard Shea, attorney for all 10 real estate agents, said he could not comment. "This is still active litigation," he said.

The other agents named in the suit are: Jeannette E. Belben, Carla Polizzotti Burns, John F. Cusack Jr., Coletta L. Fanuele, Norma Hyder, Joan M. Johnson, Carol Kathios Mejjal, Margaret V. O'Connor and Mary T. O'Donoghue.

The jury's verdict states that all of them were "part of a wrongful civil conspiracy which harmed Re/Max Preferred" because of the actions allegedly made in December 2000 to January 2001.

The jury voted that the real-

tors' action was "a civil conspiracy" because "the primary purpose of the defendants' actions was to damage or destroy the business," according to the law firm representing the Fisichellis.

Berluti & McLaughlin stated, "The defendants all terminated their Independent Contractor's Agreement on the same date and began working together at a competing real estate brokerage business the very next day."

Jurors also found that four brokers, Buck, Belben, Hyder and O'Donoghue committed "a material breach of the Uniform Independent Contractor's Agreement" with Re/Max Preferred when they unilaterally canceled listings upon tendering their notice of termination. Belben and O'Donoghue did not return Tuesday calls from the *Townsmen* before deadline on Wednesday. Hyder declined to comment.

Re/Max franchises its various real estate offices around the country. The Fisichellis' former Andover office now houses another Re/Max real estate office called Re/Max Partners, Fisichelli said.

Fax news to 978-470-2819

Via video, Supreme Court Justices O'Connor, Breyer at Northern Essex

A videocast featuring Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen Breyer is just one of the many Constitution Day activities scheduled at Northern Essex Community College's Haverhill and Lawrence campuses in

observance of National Constitution Day on Friday, Sept. 16.

NECC activities include a literature display in the Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus featuring books and other library materials pertaining to the US Constitution from Sept.

12-16. On Sept. 16 an informational display including a quiz on the Constitution will be featured in the Spurk Building lobby on the Haverhill campus. From noon to 1 p.m. on that day the video-cast will be broadcast in Room 155 of the E Building on the Haverhill campus and in Room 240 of the Dimitry Building, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence. On Sept. 21 from noon until 1 p.m. the NECC Contemporary Affairs Club will hold a follow-up conversation in Room 203 of the Spurk Building on the Haverhill campus.

All of these events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact NECC Student Activities and Orientation at 978-556-3731.

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- 12:30 pm Cardio Tennis, Jr. Racquetball Clinic
- 1:30 pm Kinesis Training Demo, Strength w/stability ball
- 2:00 pm Yoga for the Family, Cardio Tennis, Jr. Racquetball Clinic
- 3:00 pm Functional Training Clinic

Activities on-going through out the day:

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IN BRIEF

Special Town Meeting to tackle senior center, housing

The Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The two main issues for debate: should the town build a new senior center at a cost of up to \$7.6 million? and should it establish an Affordable Housing Trust?

A shuttle bus will run from the parking lot on Red Spring Road and will make a loop through the West Middle School

parking lot. Shuttle service will start at 6:15 p.m. and end 30 minutes after the close of the meeting.

Upon request, sign-language interpreters, material on tape, and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communications as specified in the American with Disabilities Act. Arrangements must be made by contacting Candace Hall, the town's ADA coordinator, at the Town Offices by tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 16 at 978-623-8530.

All registered voters attending Special Town Meeting will need to be checked into the meeting in the lobby of Andover High School on Sept. 27. Registered voters can visit the town Web site at www.andoverma.gov and do a "precinct search" under the town clerk area. The town recommends residents check their precinct numbers before they go to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

Questions? Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

Want the town to build something?

The town manager invites citizens to suggest private capital improvement projects for review as part of the five-year capital improvement plan (CIP) being developed for the period beginning July 1, 2006. The Town Government Review Committee Report recommended private requests for capital warrant articles be submitted at the same time as staff CIP requests. The intent of this is to strengthen citizen input for good community and financial planning. The town manager's recommended CIP will be released at the end of October. Requests are due no later than Oct. 7.

Residents with request(s) should contact the Department of Finance and Budget at 978-623-8219 or Clynch@andoverma.gov for a capital improvement program project request form, which is also available at www.andoverma.gov.

Blood drive Sept. 17

West Parish Church is sponsoring its fifth annual American Red Cross Blood Drive this Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations will be taken in the church's Fellowship Hall at 129 Reservation Road. Walk-ins are welcome, or for an appointment call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Anyone 17 or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate. All donors will be entered in a drawing to win Red Sox tickets.

"Nine years ago, my mother was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder and was able to wage a valiant fight thanks to the generosity of innumerable blood donors," says Kim Retelle Glesmann, the church's Outreach Committee chairwoman. "My personal thanks to all who give the true 'gift of life.'"

Walk/Run for Elders

Elder Services' 16th annual Walk and 5K Run for Elders will be Sept. 18 through historic North Andover, starting at 9:45 a.m. and ending at Elder Services, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, rain or shine.

The Andover Council on Aging is a local partner that will share in the event proceeds. Entertainment, food, raffles, prizes, clowns, face painting and a K9 dog demonstration will be offered. Runner entry fees are \$10. The first 150 walkers who raise \$50 will receive a free T-shirt. Call 1-800-892-0890, Ext. 347 for information.

Quote, unquote . . .

SOME DAYS I WAS ALL BUNDLED UP and freezing, and other days I had my bug net and a tank top on.

— Andover native Lisa Galluzzo, on studying climate changes in the small Arctic Circle town of Churchill, Manitoba, the self-described "Polar Bear Capital of the World." (Story in Townspeople, page 9)

I'M HERE TO THINK ABOUT the folks who are not with us. We don't have to steal sheep to do that.

— Pastor Ed Deyton, the new leader of Ballardvale United Church, about increasing his church's flock. (Story in Townspeople, page 9)

News Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 15

Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7:15 a.m.

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Tuesday, Sept. 20

Fish Brook Initiative Task Force, 397 Lowell St., Water Treatment Plant conference room, 7 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Commission on Disabilities,

Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 26

Cultural Council, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

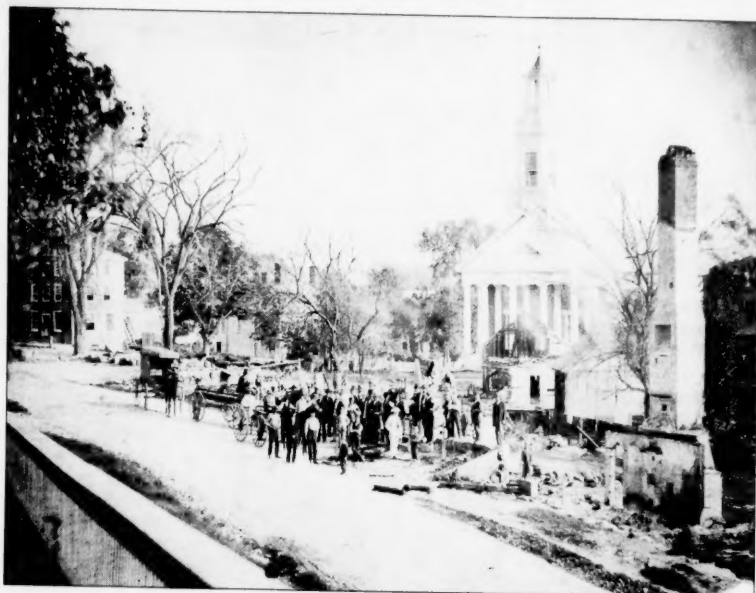
Finance Committee, Andover High School field house, Shawsheen Road, 6 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, Andover High School field house, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

Greater Lawrence Coalition Bioterrorism Meeting, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

PAST AND PRESENT



The top image depicts the ruins of Abbot's Furniture Store and adjacent buildings after the fire of 1870. The Andover Baptist Church can be seen in the background. The bottom photo shows the same general area, Elm Square, as it looked Wednesday morning.

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Two new monuments sought

VETERANS

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bat. At the bottom of the stone pillar an inscription reads, "Dedicated to the men and women who served, fought and fell. Our cause was just."

The bottom of the proposed Korean War Memorial reads "In recognition of those who served. In remembrance of those who did not return. Reminding us freedom is not free."

Plans for both privately funded monuments are in the earliest stages, said Doherty, and will most likely appear differently in the final design. Mostly, he said, the preliminary plans are meant to give an idea of the structures' scale and size. The World War II Veterans Memorial will remain the largest of the three, he said.

While locations for the monuments are not yet final, Doherty anticipates the Vietnam memorial will eventually stand along the northeast corner of the Park, where Chestnut Street meets Whittier Court. Doherty said the new monument would complement the existing World War II Veterans Memorial at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets.

The names of six Andover servicemen killed in action in Vietnam are engraved on the Ballardvale rock. A seventh name was added to the list of deceased Vietnam veterans this

year.

After digging deeper into the records of Andover veterans, Doherty learned that Alfred L. Tripp, a captain in the US Marines and a pilot, was also killed in action during Vietnam. Tripp graduated from Pynchard High with the class of 1958. His name will be added to the new monument.

Four servicemen were killed in action in Korea. A preliminary sketch of the proposed Korean Veterans Memorial was not available to the *Townsmen* prior to presstime.

Referring to Korea as "the forgotten war," Doherty said the numbers enlisted from Andover are significant for the town's size.

"So many young people today don't know much about the history of the Korean War," Doherty said. "They've heard of World War II and Vietnam, but when you bring up the Korean War it's not unusual to get a response like, 'There was a war in Korea?'"

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said he was "excited" about the prospects of adding two veterans' memorials to Andover's landscape.

"Andover is a very patriotic town," Stapczynski said. "There is a strong patriotic sentiment that runs through a lot of our res-

idents because there are many veterans in town and many others with family members who have served. All have a strong interest in preserving the memory of their friends and loved ones."

But there are still many details that need to be worked out, Stapczynski said, such as size and location of the structures.

"I'm sure a lot of people will have ideas on where to place these," said Stapczynski, adding that the monuments still need approval from the Board of Selectmen. "Those issues will be open to more community discussions."

Doherty hopes both final monuments will serve as quiet places for reflection, like the current World War II monument.

Each week, Andover Veterans' Services collects letters and mementos carefully placed at the memorial, left behind by loved ones.

Eventually, Doherty plans to display the items in Town Offices as part of a tribute to Andover veterans.

"Like graves can help people feel connected to those they've lost, these memorials provide a tangible place for contemplation or whatever a person might be seeking emotionally and spiritually," Doherty said.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover residents gathered last Friday, Sept. 9, to honor prisoners of war and those Andover residents still missing in action.

33 Andoverites were POWs

PRISONER OF WAR

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seizing the main road running through the center of Sadzot, the Germans would have secured an open passage for their forces moving north to Antwerp.

But Doherty said a few hundred soldiers stood in their way and Heliotis was one of them.

"It was pitch black that night," recalled Heliotis. "I was set up in a small house with some of the other guys and then, all of a sudden, the house was on fire. We didn't know what hit us. There were (Germans) all around."

Shot twice, once in the hip and in his leg, Heliotis was taken prisoner and spent a year in a German prison camp. Years after his return home, Heliotis purchased a book about his terrifying night at Sadzot and discovered his name listed with those who were killed in action.

"I called Bill Brewer (the book's author)," said Heliotis. "He couldn't believe it was me. He said 'I'm sorry I had you killed in my book. Welcome back from the dead

after 40 years.'"

Among Andover's six POWs killed, Doherty gave an honorable mention to two during Friday's ceremony. Walter Raymond, a farm boy from West Andover, died in captivity during the Civil War. In 1865, Raymond's family established a trust fund to provide fuel for the town's poorest citizens. The memorial contribution is still being used today.

"Every year Andover seniors receive fuel assistance thanks to the generosity of the Raymond family from more than 140 years ago," Doherty said.

Calling it one of the "most tragic ironies" of war, Doherty also retold the legacy of George T. Burrige, a World War II veteran killed while being held in confinement aboard a Japanese freighter. After being captured in the Philippines and enduring three years of barbaric prison conditions, Doherty said, Burrige was being deported to Japan for slave labor in coal mines. There were no marks on the Japanese vessel indicating that American prisoners were aboard the ship

when it was detected by a US submarine. American sailors torpedoed and sank the freighter carrying Burrige and hundreds of other POWs.

Currently, US Armed Forces report that 79,000 servicemen from World War II are still unaccounted for, and estimate 35,000 perished at sea. Approximately 7,900 are listed as missing in action from the Korean War, and out of 2,500 people originally listed as MIAs from Vietnam, 1,790 are now listed as missing. One Navy pilot from the Gulf War is unaccounted for.

Thanks to modern forensics, Doherty said, he expects the number of MIA veterans to slowly decrease.

About two weeks ago, Doherty said, a Belgium farmer found the remains of three bodies that turned out to be American soldiers killed during the Battle of the Bulge.

"It's important that we do not lose sight of the great sacrifices made by all of these brave men and women," Doherty said. "It's especially important for future generations to remember and honor those sacrifices."

Remembering Sept. 11

By Anita Fritz

Under a blue, cloudless sky and with temperatures much as they were four years ago when planes flew into the World Trade Center buildings, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field, Andoverites stood to remember five of Andover's own.

Five wreaths, each with a red, white and blue ribbon with the name of a September 11 victim draped over each of them, were placed at the bottom of the steps leading to Town Offices as people remembered their neighbors and all of the victims of the attacks of 2001.

Residents and town natives Chris Morrison, Lenny Taylor and Millie Naiman were killed when planes hit the two Manhattan buildings that day. Betty

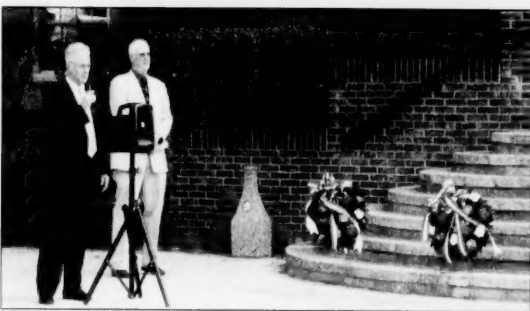


PHOTO BY ANITA FRITZ

Andover officials placed wreaths at Town Offices this week to remember Andover's 9/11 victims.

Ong was a flight attendant on one of the flights that went to New York.

Evan O'Neill, 19, was killed two years later in a clash with Taliban guerillas in

Afghanistan.

"This was horrendous on some of our families," Veterans' Agent John Doherty said. "We plan to make this memorial ceremony an annual event."

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HELP FOR HURRICANE KATRINA VICTIMS

'People were in dire straits'

By Rita Savard

For Andover Fire Deputy Richard Hartman, the road to Waveland, Miss., was paved with uncertainty.

"On search-and-rescue missions, you never really know what to expect until you're in the thick of it," said Hartman, who was deployed down south with a FEMA team immediately after Hurricane Katrina hit. His mission was to recover survivors, as well as the dead.

After Katrina blasted north, the hurricane's powerful storm surge sent a 29-foot wave rolling over Waveland, virtually wiping the small coastal town off the map. With 90 percent of the town's residential dwellings destroyed, Hartman said air traffic into the region was limited. His team of 28 traveled in trucks to the town on a continuous 30-hour road trip, their minds wandering with thoughts of what they were about to walk into.

"We were told to be prepared for the worst," Hartman said. "There is always a potential danger in a situation of this scope. Conditions like these can leave people feeling frustrated and hostile, with the potential for acting out on those emotions."

Arriving in Waveland on Wednesday, Aug. 31, Hartman and the members of Massachusetts Task Force One (MATF1) discovered the town in ruins. What Hartman said were once modest homes are now heaps of twisted rubble. The beachfront no longer exists.

The team worked on dividing the town into sectors, and then conducted a house-to-house search of each sector, including boats and vehicles, wherever there was a possibility of finding survivors.

"The chances of surviving in that region were very slight," Hartman said. "Many of the homes were built on small concrete block footings and were low to the ground. Even people seeking refuge in an attic wouldn't have made it. The water rose too high and came crashing over everything."

In hurricanes, Hartman said, it's the water, not the wind, that kills. A hurricane's storm surge is water pushed toward the shore by the force of swirling winds.

Flood waters in Waveland, where the population is fewer than 7,000, had washed into the center of town. Hartman said cars and boats had been deposited on roofs. Inside the homes that were still standing, the water's wave action picked up everything and moved it around. The field of debris made it tough for the men to maneuver. Stifling temperatures, with the heat index climbing to 130 degrees, made the stench of raw sewage almost unbearable.

"Police and rescue workers will sometimes bring in canines

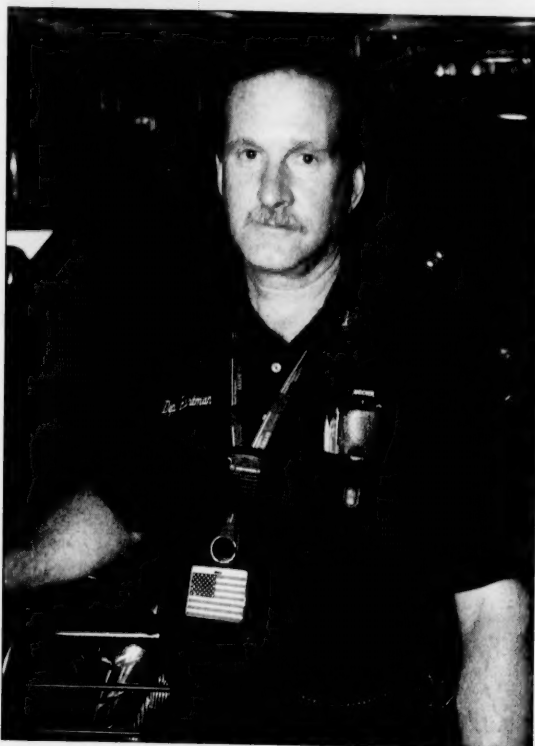


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
Specially trained Andover Fire Deputy Richard Hartman offered a hand in small Waveland, Miss., where residents are now living in tent villages.

to help locate people," Hartman said. "There are dogs that are trained to find people alive and there are dogs trained to find people who are dead. We didn't have canines, so in a sense we had to become like cadaver dogs and decipher between decaying smells."

By spray-painting identification marks on each dwelling they entered, the search and recovery team told a story of what they found. The marks across the homes also let townspeople know that someone was there, helping.

"We found no (trapped) survivors," Hartman said. "I like to think that means people did the right thing and evacuated the area."

Hartman's team found one human casualty, and numerous pets that perished after owners were forced to leave them behind.

By the time Hartman had to leave Waveland, nine days later, communities of tents had sprung up in parking lots throughout the town. His own team had set up a camp in the empty lot of a fast-food restaurant. There was no electricity, no running water, no operating businesses. The hospital and police station were "unusable," he said. Several federal medical disaster teams had descended on Waveland and set up field hospitals. Many residents were at high risk from infections due to contaminated mud and unsanitary conditions. A dusk-to-dawn curfew was enacted to help keep people safe, Hartman said.

"All the residents we met there were really nice," Hartman said. "People were in dire straits and they needed the basics. Whatever we had to offer, fresh water, Gatorade, ready-to-eat meals, we gave them. They were happy to see us there."

Hartman, who was also deployed to Ground Zero after the September 11 attacks, said if he is needed in the Gulf Region again, he is ready to go back.

"All the guys who went down represented the fire service," Hartman said. "We aren't unique, just an extension of our departments back home."

Fire chief cites violence, disorganization

■ FIRE COMMAND

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departments, North Andover and Lawrence also did not send members. Methuen was prepared to send four teams of two, but was advised by FEMA to hold off for now. Haverhill has sent two firefighters.

Andover Fire Department Deputy Richard Hartman did travel to the Gulf region last week, accompanying a FEMA search-and-rescue team. Murnane said Hartman's week-long trip was a "specific mission," separate from FEMA's national request for two-men teams.

Hartman has been a member of the Massachusetts Task Force One, a branch under the FEMA umbrella, for approximately 11 years. On Tuesday, Aug. 30, Hartman and 28 MATF1 team members left Beverly in a caravan of trucks and drove 30 hours to Waveland, Miss., to search for and recover any survivors, as well as any dead, from the small coastal town with a popula-

tion of less than 10,000.

"We were told to expect the worst," Hartman said. "The day before we arrived one person shot another over a bag of ice."

But Hartman described his experiences with the people of Waveland as non-violent and "real decent," despite living conditions that could easily make anyone desperate and angry (see related story).

Last week, hundreds of firefighters across the country converged in Atlanta. Murnane said while many made the trip believing they were going to conduct emergency work, firefighters found themselves getting prepped for community-relations work instead. Many were being sent into the Gulf Coast region to disseminate flyers for FEMA as opposed to helping Katrina's victims, explained Murnane.

"There wasn't a solid plan," Murnane said. "It was more like bring your own sleeping bag because you're going to be sleeping in the streets and bring your own

supplies. It seemed at the time, the left hand didn't know what the right hand was doing."

As far as men wanting to self-deploy, Murnane said there were requests to head south from Andover firefighters.

"Of course our guys are anxious and they want to help," Murnane said. "But there are a lot of logistics involved with this, like where to get your water and food once you're down there. You don't want to become part of the problem instead of helping the problem, and that's what you get into right now with self-deploying."

"There were several sources recommending that fire departments hold off sending additional men," Hartman added. "Each man down there had to be self-supporting because there were no local resources left to sustain you."

Murnane said he might send his men to the Gulf region in the future if they are needed, and if FEMA becomes more coordinated in their relief efforts.

T-shirts for 700

When 11-year-old Lily Gutentag of Olde Berry Road, saw Hurricane Katrina victims on TV, she decided to take action by collecting T-shirts for them.

"I thought I could do something. Instead of people wearing ripped and torn shirts, they could wear better shirts without holes," said Lily.

After putting fliers in mailboxes and making requests at West Middle School and Congregation Beth Israel, she has collected 756 T-shirts, plus additional items for babies.

"I thought I'd get 20 or 30 shirts," she said. "I never thought I would get to even 200."

No party, but relief

The FootBridge Companies, One Tech Drive, Suite 335, is donating \$10,000 to the American Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Employees decided they would donate funds that had been set aside for the company's annual holiday party.

Lemonade aid

Emily and Michelle Lin, Amy Stankiewicz, and Laura and Kyra Morissette, students at Sanborn Elementary and West Middle schools, pictured below, used a lemonade stand to raise \$113.97 for hurricane victims, according to mom Mary R. Stankiewicz, of Holly Terrace.

She said a check to the Red Cross was mailed out Monday morning.



COURTESY PHOTO

Music and food at Palmers Tavern

Palmers Restaurant and Tavern and the band Four on the Floor will host a benefit for the victims of Hurricane Katrina at Palmers on Saturday, Sept. 24. The event will take place from 8 p.m. until midnight in the Palmers Tavern and will feature live music, complimentary appetizers, activities and raffle prizes. A \$10 cover charge will go to the Red Cross as well as any other money raised during the evening. Palmers Restaurant and Tavern is located at 18 Elm St. For more information contact Palmers at 978-470-1606 or visit the Web site www.palmers-restaurant.com.

Race fees to be donated

West Middle School has planned a "Run for Hurricane Relief," a 1-kilometer race today, Thursday, Sept. 15. The start time is 2:15 p.m. Entry fees of \$5 will be donated to the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund, according to organizers.

Schools take flood-victim students

By Greta Cuyler

Two weeks after representatives flew to Houston to interview displaced New Orleans students, Phillips Academy has granted admission to 19 teens whose lives were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. All will be given free room, board and tuition for the academic year 2005-06, a cost estimated at over \$500,000.

Andover High and Bancroft Elementary public schools also have accepted students, but specifics were not available.

Phillips will provide clothes, school supplies and other items for the displaced students on an as-needed basis.

"Many of the kids literally had nothing but the clothes on their backs," said Dean of Admissions Jane Fried in a release. "In some cases their families were spread out over three locations. And because their schools were so heavily damaged, they have no medical records or transcripts."

Fried and Director of Financial Aid Jim Ventre worked with school administrators in Houston and New Orleans, and did extensive networking to find a diverse mix of qualified students. The 19 students represent a racial and socioeconomic mix, and there is a balanced mix between girls and boys, said the school.

The students arrived in Andover on Sept. 8, giving them a couple of days to get settled and oriented before the other students arrived over the weekend. Phillips Academy was already fully enrolled prior to accepting the students from New Orleans, so the last-minute flurry of admissions has left facilities workers scrambling to buy beds and convert common space, and in some cases faculty housing, into student living quarters.

The teens will be considered visiting students at Phillips this year. If they choose to stay next year, they will need to reapply and go through the normal admissions process.

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Opinion

The best

DISASTERS BRING OUT the worst in people, it is often said, and that was easy to see in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, as reports of looting and violence down south littered the news. But millions of Americans, and thousands of Andover residents have given of their homes, wallets and prayers for the victims of storm and flooding. The givers come in all ages, from adult employees at Andover's FootBridge Companies donating the funds for their \$10,000 holiday party, to kids tossing in quarters.

There are the dozens of town children who set up lemonade stands or car washes or other enterprises to raise money. Lily Guttentag, 11, of Olde Berry Road, collected T-shirts for the victims after seeing the condition of people's clothing on TV. After distributing fliers in the neighborhood and seeking help at her school and synagogue, the girl who thought she'd collect a few dozen shirts ended up with 756 T-shirts, plus lots of other baby and adult clothing. These are now piled high in her basement and family room, ready to go to the Salvation Army.

Experienced adults in Andover had a first-hand role in helping out. Fire Deputy Richard Hartman, part of a special FEMA team, conducted search-and-rescue missions. Dr. John Lawrence Munson treated hundreds of patients in a mobile hospital unit.

Each has a story to tell, and each tells the story of people in a crisis. The story, as it is often said: Crisis also brings out the best.

Web question

Should AFD be sending people?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Former Conservation Director Jim Greer verbally approved a pool and cabana project, and construction is nearly complete. But the Conservation Commission, which just recently learned of the project, has told the homeowner that their project, like all other similar projects, needed to come before it. What do you think the town should do?

- 89 people responded.
- 58, or 65 percent, said, "Assess the project and whether it should be allowed, and reject it if needed. Verbal approvals are not worth anything and the homeowners — or their hired professionals — should have known better. The law is the law."
- 7, or 8 percent, said, "Compromise. The project is nearly complete, it would be a waste to tear it down."
- 7, or 8 percent, said, "Let the project stand, but post a sign outlining the permit process for any type of building in town. Make the process more clear."
- 15, or 17 percent, said "Leave the project alone. Homeowners need to rely on the word of town officials."
- 2, or 2 percent, said "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **Andover Fire Chief Chuck Murnane said he will not send firefighters to aid in Hurricane Katrina relief at this time due to what he calls "unlawful chaos." Do you agree with his decision?**

- Yes. If too many people go down to New Orleans without an organized plan, it will add to the chaos caused by the hurricane, not improve the situation.
- Yes. I agree in part because it is not clear how such efforts will be paid for.
- Yes. I agree with his decision at this time, but would hope that he would reevaluate as time goes on and efforts in New Orleans become more organized.
- No. This is a time of crisis, the chief should not be preventing his qualified firefighters from offering assistance.
- No. We have an obligation to help those people. People are being generous with donations and the town should be with professionals' time as well.
- Other.

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A stuffed dalmatian in the window at Little Lulu and Dot pet store shows his allegiance to the Red Sox.

LETTERS

POOLHOUSE

Verbal approval?

Editor, *Townsman*:

I love the front-page news regarding the swimming pool and cabana ("Poolhouse surprise: Verbal approval is not enough," *Townsman*, Sept. 8).

Whoever heard of a verbal OK to perform major changes to a property in any town in any state of this country?

Reading from the first paragraph of the article ("a project verbally approved by former Conservation Director James Greer without an application, fees or abutter input prior to construction") it would appear that we have three inputs, a town employee, a property owner and a construction firm, who all seem to be suffering from a lack of intelligence regarding the process of town approval for changes to property within the town.

It is my understanding that the "wetlands issue" is not a local problem but is one controlled by the state of Massachusetts. The conservation director of each and every town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is charged with upholding state directives regarding identified wetlands. There are penalties for attempting to fill, modify in any way or encroach on wetlands identified by the state.

Had I been the owner of this property and dealing with the issue described, I would have done my best to keep it from becoming a front-page issue. The owner's lawyer should have also told him there is no such thing as a sure thing that is not in writing and approved by the responsible authorities (i.e. "trust me, you have my verbal approval, agreement, concurrence or whatever").

I would suggest that unless the state modifies its stand on "wetlands," we will soon read that the "tiny" cabana and pool have been severely modified or have disappeared from the property.

Richard A. Pangonis
30 Linda Road

Making the case for a larger senior center

Editor, *Townsman*:

Residents are invited to an open house at their local community center on Whittier Court Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. year round, but specifically from now to Sept. 28. You were not aware that you already had a very active community center? That is what a group of people much opposed to a much-needed larger senior center would like you to believe, but that is because they do not use the facility and consequently are very ignorant of the facts.

A selectmen's meeting was held on Thursday, Sept. 8, at which the board was to vote an approval (or not) of the warrant articles for Special Town Meeting Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. Joanne Marden spoke briefly to report that the Finance Committee had voted the evening before to disapprove, which was not unexpected. The reason? The plans were far too large for a building, too expensive and so forth. Selectmen Brian Major and Alex Vispoli and citizen Ron

Hill also reiterated their comments and the move to vote was made. At that time, Selectmen John Hess, who had supported the seniors and voted for the center at the April Town Meeting, spoke of his conversations with "some people" (those unnamed shadowy forms who seem to appear in opposition to things) and he was now convinced the townspeople would be better served by a community center. He reversed his original vote resulting in a 3-2 vote of disapproval. Selectmen Mary Lyman and Ted Teichert supported it. It is a shame that people never seem to speak to those who are actively involved in something but base their decisions on remarks of those who are opposed to it.

Since April, a group has met with Joe Piantedosi and the architects to identify changes/alterations to reduce costs as much as possible. The plan approved at Town Meeting in April '04, was for a 28,000 square foot building designed to

meet the varied needs of Andover's seniors of ages 60-100. To redo the plans for a smaller building would require an additional appropriation. The town voted in supporting a 28,000 square foot building at that time. The most generous gift of more than \$800,000 from the Wood Foundation was to have offset the bond cost. Let's not confuse the issue now. Most importantly from some people I hear from, the \$51 first year increase in your tax bill has been reduced to \$45 (try dinner/drinks for two at Glory or Rembrandt's, or an evening at the cinema with popcorn and candy for \$45).

Finally, your senior center/community center shares very limited present space with the town's veterans' organization, DCS (they use our big room for dance classes and other spaces for evening classes which Mary Donahue cannot accommodate). The Channel 8 TV group meets at the center, Bill Fahey knows that he can also use the facilities

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Pool approval given by town agent should be honored

Editor, *Townsman*:

For those who take a hard-line stance against the homeowners who have nearly completed building a pool and poolhouse in their backyard, we propose a quick mental exercise: Imagine that you plan a home-improvement project and obtain verbal approval from the director of a town office. This is a highly respected man, one who has held this office for nearly 20 years. You then spend eight months and thousands of dollars on this project, only to be notified by the new director (after the veteran one retires) that this approval — the approval on which your decision to build was based — is not sufficient.

It's difficult to be a "permit process purist" when one considers being in the same position as the Gibsons. The Gibsons did not willfully deceive the town. In fact, they sought the counsel of a 20-year veteran of the field, an employee and representative of

Poolhouse is not a minor project

Editor, *Townsman*:

As an abutter to the Gibson "cabana project," I believe the actual square footage is 2,450 square feet, larger probably than 25 percent of the homes in Andover. Clearly this is no minor project.

Homeowner Daniel Gibson is a partner in a law firm with a division that specializes in real

estate and construction law. As such, no one should know better the importance of a signed written contract.

I don't think any of the abutters would have objected to a project that abided by the town and state conservation laws.

Joseph Valenti
6 Acorn Drive

the town, before seeking a building permit. The former director, James Greer, has confirmed in writing that he did give verbal approval. This is not a case of black and white; this is a vibrant shade of gray.

How are citizens and taxpayers to have confidence in our town officials if one official is free to ignore or marginalize the rulings of another? We are horrified to think that even one penny of our

tax dollars be spent on a legal fight, which seems likely since the approval granted by Greer was the building block upon which the Gibsons' cabana was built.

This town is full of highly educated, reasonable people. Can we find a way to resolve this without alienating many excellent, honorable people on both sides of the fence?

Eric and Carolyn Hanson
Spring Grove Road

THE THURSDAY FILE

The fast pace of our lives makes it difficult for us to find grace in the present moment, and when the simple gifts at our fingertips cease to nourish us, we have a tendency to crave the sensational.

MACRINA WIEDERKEHR

Education has to be related to life; it cannot be an abstraction.

JOEL READ
PRESIDENT, ALVERNO COLLEGE

Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm!

DANNY GLOVER

You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.

WOODROW WILSON

The harder you work, the luckier you get.

GARY PLAYER

If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use the pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time, a tremendous whack.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

The Einstein quotation

Human beings must have action; and they will make it if they cannot find it.

We avoid the things that we're afraid of because we think there will be dire consequences if we confront them. But the truly dire consequences in our lives come from avoiding things that we need to learn about or discover.

SHAKTI GAWAIN

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvanloo.ca.

LETTERS

Praise for kids who 'get it,' help those hit by Hurricane Katrina

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Labor Day weekend signals the close of the summer, a new school year and the start of another fall season. The weather on the Saturday of this past Labor Day weekend was spectacular and as I ventured out on yet another trip to the store for college supplies for my son, Ryan, I was preoccupied with the last minute details of his college preparation. As I drove down Shawsheen Road, out of the corner of my eye I noticed someone holding a homemade cardboard sign that read HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF. I thought to myself, I would stop on my way back to check this out. As I drove on, I got lost again in my own world — far from the world in which the victims of Hurricane Katrina were living. I was seeing a picture-perfect day: sunny, blue skies, temperature just right. How often do we experience this and forget how fortunate we are for something as simple as a beautiful day?

As I returned from my shopping, I was still in my own world forgetting that I had even seen the two young girls and their parents outside with their sign. Suddenly, there they were and I said to myself, "I have so much to do. Someone else will stop," but a voice inside said, "No, you must stop and support these kids." So I pulled over and found Charlotte and Brooke Lenes selling lemonade, cookies and fuse beads that they had made into ornaments to raise money for the hurricane relief. Their two neighborhood friends, Julianna and Michael were also helping. Charlotte offered me lemonade for my donation but I told her to keep it for the next customer. She gave me a fortune cookie as a token of her appreciation, which I thanked her for. I chatted with her dad and he told me how this whole effort to raise

money was inspired by Charlotte, a fourth-grader at West Elementary School. I later learned that, in total that day, they raised \$260.11 for the Red Cross. As always I am impressed by children who understand the big picture in life — that our lives aren't meant to be self-absorbed but that we are all part of a collective whole. I expressed my gratitude to Charlotte and her family for taking the time on that beautiful day to give back to the world. I felt such a good feeling inside as I drove home. After pulling in my driveway, I decided to open my fortune cookie and couldn't believe my eyes as I read the fortune. It said "To build a better world, start in your community." The wisdom of these words was truly what I had just experienced.

It is now a week later and as I am reflecting on this, I realize that in the face of tragedy, we all collectively have such potential to make a difference. Our country is unifying once again for the people of the New Orleans area. An act of kindness is so powerful and yet we often forget this until something of this magnitude happens. Perhaps we can try and remember simple acts of kindness towards one another and through that positive energy we can truly affect a change in our world.

Gretchen Harb
126 Lovejoy Road

MERCURY IN SHOTS

Generation of autistic children created by mercury-based preservative

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I read the *Townsmen* story, "Pols: Remove mercury from kids' flu shots." In it you note "the US Centers for Disease Control deny claims that mercury-containing vaccines have a direct link to autism. The CDC states on its Web site that studies conducted by the Institute of Medicine, involving hundreds of thousands of children in a number of countries, 'have failed to find any association between exposure to thimerosal in vaccines and autism.'"

If the press merely asks the CDC if studies can connect the use of mercury (thimerosal) in vaccines to the epidemic increase in autism and other neurological disorders among children, it will naturally be told there is no evidence of a link. It is incumbent upon the media to do its job and investigate the claim that the use of a known neurotoxin has resulted in thousands of damaged children. Would you go to the tobacco industry to find out if smoking is connected to lung cancer?

The CDC approved, mandated and vigorously promoted the use of mercury as a cheap preservative in vaccine. Would you seriously expect it to admit it exposed a generation of children to the second deadliest element on earth with possibly devastating results? In 20 years, as we expanded the vaccine program, the autism rate went from one in 10,000 to one in every 166 children today. Furthermore, one in every six children now has a diagnosis of attention deficit dis-

Conclusion: Preservative is low-risk

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Sept. 8 article regarding mercury in vaccines was extremely unbalanced. The reporter quoted extensively from Dr. David Ayoub but presented no quotations from scientists or medical doctors from the Centers for Disease Control, Food and Drug Administration or Institute of Medicine.

Ayoub, while very vocal, is not necessarily an expert. Contrary to what he states, the science behind mercury-produced autism is not at all clear. There is some evidence that some forms of mercury may increase the risk of autism but the evidence, so far, is fairly weak. The important point is that different forms of mercury have very different toxicity. Studies have not shown that thimerosal increases the risk of autism.

Ayoub would have you believe that there is some sort of multi-agency conspiracy in the US and thus the FDA, CDC and IOM are hiding the truth. Ayoub neglected to mention that the health authorities in the United Kingdom have also come to the same conclusion as their US counterparts. Perhaps Ayoub would just elevate it to an international conspiracy.

The more logical conclusion would be that the preservative, thimerosal, is a low-risk mercury compound.

Richard Fink
18 Arundel St.

order or some developmental delay. The federal government tells us it's all due to "better diagnosing."

The CDC and FDA have selectively ignored mounting evidence of the great potential for harm from using mercury in vaccines. Do a search for Dr. Mady Hornig, Columbia University; Dr. Jill James, University of Arkansas; Dr. Boyd Haley, University of Kentucky; and Dr. Thomas Burbacher, University of Washington. Their recent independent research attests to the extreme toxicity of the mercury-based vaccine additive thimerosal.

Thimerosal, 49.6 percent ethyl mercury by weight, is at the center of the debate. Introduced by Eli Lilly in 1930, thimerosal was tested only once on 22 adult patients suffering from meningitis. There was no chance for follow-up to observe long-term effects as all of the patients in this "study" died. Even if follow-up had been possible, damage to the developing brains of very young children would have remained unknown. Thimerosal was pronounced safe and later grandfathered in when the FDA was created. The first 11 cases of autism ever documented, in 1943, were in children who were among the

first to be vaccinated with mercury. The federal government has never conducted specific tests on the neurotoxicity of thimerosal, although hundreds of published studies and documents attest to its extreme toxicity. Our CDC and FDA should be utterly embarrassed to make safety claims based on such a pathetic history of oversight.

In his new book, *Evidence of Harm*, David Kirby points out "...many researchers had sent the company [Eli Lilly] documents dating back to the 1930s, each raising a red flag about thimerosal." Kirby chronologically lists over 70 years of scientific research on the damaging and deadly effects of thimerosal that was willfully ignored by Eli Lilly and the CDC.

Starting in the late 1980s more and more vaccines with mercury were added to our children's list of required vaccines, without any regard for the total mercury exposure children were receiving.

These children weren't there a generation ago. Eighty percent of autistic children are under the age of 17. There are no studies that have found the previously undiagnosed or misdiagnosed autistic individuals among older Americans. They simply aren't there. After the disaster of Vioxx, we cannot continue to ignore the overwhelming impact of the failure of oversight.

Anne McElroy Dachel
Media Relations Coordinator
National Autism Association
Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Approve articles

SENIOR CENTER

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if needed (he will also admit if you ask him that seniors have supported him and his young people since the day he was hired). By the way, I believe he never asked for a building — he asked for space.

In a too-small space, we serve or provide services for more than 1,600 registered seniors plus many others who drop-in. We have a dedicated professional staff of 13, plus volunteers, many of whom are retired professionals, who give unstintingly of their talents — mentoring in the schools, delivering meals on wheels, visiting shut-ins, delivering medical transportation, etc. Consider all of this and *think* for a moment. The community-center proponents, considerably fewer in number than those who see the need for a larger senior center, have no plans for a building. They plan to use our plans with some additions, no land on which to build and no money (they'd like ours). Please go to Town Meeting Sept. 27, bring your family, friends and neighbors and vote approval of Articles 1-5. Remember, this new building is for you.

(I've been a Council on Aging member for 18 years, but I write only for myself.)

Dorothy Bresnahan
7 Argyle St.

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Quiz town department heads

By Greta Cuyler

Thomas Brady, an Andover resident for 18 years, got his chance to ask questions of the town's public officials when he attended an information session sponsored by the Board of Selectmen last year.

"It makes it very easy to have most of the town managers and elected officials right in front of you and it gives you a chance to stand up and criticize or suggest ideas. It allows for citizen's input. It allows it to be purely an idea session and not in the middle of the budget process. You don't want to ask, 'Why did you spend so much for these widgets?' during budget season," he said.

Residents are invited to the second annual information session on Sept. 21.

"This forum will give Andover's citizens a fast paced efficient overview of how the Town operates. Most people don't have an opportunity to hear from the department leaders on how services get

delivered, how each department is organized, and what the long-range goals and objectives are. This forum is designed to accomplish that. Our goal is to conduct this type of presentation every year," said Ted Teichert, selectmen chairman.

Heads of several town departments will give residents an overview of their departments, descriptions of the services offered, priorities for the coming year, long-term objectives and how the public can contact the departments. Each presentation will last 10 minutes and a question-and-answer period will come at the end.

Department presentations will be made by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, School Superintendent Claudia Bach, Police Chief Brian Pattullo, Public Works Director Jack Petkus, Planning Director Steve Colyer, Health Director Everett Penney, Conservation Director Robert Douglas and Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore.

Town Department Overview
Wednesday, Sept. 21
7-10 p.m.
The Hall
Memorial Hall Library
The event will also be broadcast on cable TV, channel 22



US Congressman Marty Meehan wants the US to be more involved in Middle East peace talks, he told 50 people at Congregation Beth Israel.

Meehan talks peace

By Rita Savard

Calling Monday, Sept. 12 an historic day presenting new opportunities to renew peace in the violence-charged region of the Middle East, Congressman Marty Meehan shared details of his recent 10-day trip to the Middle East with members of Andover's Jewish community. The last Israeli troops cleared out of the Gaza Strip on Monday, after 38 years of occupation.

Addressing approximately 50 people gathered at the Congregation Beth Israel on South Main Street Monday night, Meehan said his meetings with political leaders in Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon and Morocco were meant to give him a better sense of how Americans are viewed in that part of the world.

"For the most part right now, we see entrenched anti-American sentiment throughout the Middle East," Meehan said. "Resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict can be the centerpiece in our relationship with the Muslim world."

Meehan said the region's political movers and shakers seemed optimistic about strengthening the future of peace, as well as US ties. Yet, on Monday, media reports were heavy with images of Palestinians demolishing abandoned synagogues in the Gaza Strip.

Admitting there was still "much work to be done," Meehan said the United States is now facing a critical turning point in which it can help push peace negotiations forward, and bolster the country's image on foreign policy around the world.

While Meehan said the Bush Administration made a "terrible mistake" by removing the US from the peace process for two years, the congressman said a step forward was made this year with the appointment of Lt. Gen. William Ward as US security coordinator in the Middle East.

Meehan expressed confidence in Ward's abilities to stabilize security in the war-torn region, where two predecessors — a four star general and former CIA director — both failed. Ward holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in political science, and has served several tours of duty overseas.

"We're starting to see that the strong negative public opinion about the United States affects how helpful countries are in the war on terror," Meehan said. "In the long run, the war against terror is not about acts and methods. It's about ideas."

Electric company: Trees cause frequent power outages in town

By Greta Cuyler

Overhanging branches and diseased and dying trees are to blame for nearly half of Andover's non-storm related power outages over the past year, National Grid representatives told selectmen Monday. National Grid is the new name of the company formerly known as Mass Electric.

Andover is one of 25 Massachusetts communities identified as having chronic tree problems and outages affecting large numbers of customers. As a beneficiary of the Augmented Clearance for Trees program (ACT), National Grid arborists will evaluate trees along the two most troubled electrical circuits in town. They will focus on trees outside of the "routine maintenance zone," the area legally pruned by the utility. Arborists will work with residents to identify and remove high-risk trees and overhanging limbs along two of the town's most-affected circuits, covering the area between Porter Road, Phillips Academy, Highland Road and Central Street.

Not all residents were pleased to hear of the utility company's plan. "You people have no business touching my trees," resident Mary Manock told ACT Program Project Manager Kenneth Finch. "It's my property, I don't care if the trees are dead." She then turned to the board and warned, "They'd better stay off my property or I'll go and get my shotgun."

Manock indicated she is still reeling from the 12-hour power outage six weeks ago which resulted in the utility cutting down branches of her Willow tree, leaving the 78-year old woman to deal with the downed tree limbs in her yard.

Andover has had 95 power outages during the past 12 months, compared with 76 outages in Methuen, 68 out-

ages in North Andover and 78 outages in Tewksbury. The entire Merrimack Valley, from Salisbury to Westford, has had 6,434 outages over the past year. An outage is defined as a loss of power affecting more than one building and lasting for at least two hours.

Fifty-one of Andover's total number of outages for the past year have been storm-related, said National Grid representatives. The remaining 44 outages in town over the past year were non-storm related. Twelve of the outages were caused by a combination of cable faults and transformer/circuit failures.

"In the past six weeks, something must've happened," said resident John A. Pasquale, noting an improvement in the utility's reliability. Selectmen decided at their Aug. 1 meeting to ask the utility to give a presentation on the town's continuing power outages.

According to Carmine Luongo of National Grid, the company has invested \$2.7 million into Andover area improvements over the past three years. Expenditures have gone towards a number of items, including replacing equipment, rearranging circuits for efficiency and adding electrical circuits. Utility representatives were unable to quantify the results of the capital improvements, an analysis the selectman had hoped to see.

"The investment hasn't taken full effect yet," said Jason Dwyer, a National Grid operations engineer.

Selectman Alex Vispoli requested the utility provide a summary of the town's electrical system performance by January 2006. The report should include the date of the outage, its cause and duration, and short and long-term remedies to resolve the issue. "We can work towards that, sure," said Luongo.

POLICE LOG

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At 11:06 p.m., the Wyndham Hotel reported an intoxicated guest in the lobby. The subject agreed to stay in his room for the rest of the night.

Thursday, Sept. 8 - At 1:46 p.m., police responded to a call about a young male selling magazines door-to-door in the Lowell Street area. The caller told police the subject was telling residents he was from South Dakota. Police arrested the subject on a peddling violation.

At 11:33 p.m., a female was found on the street on River Road. Police reported the woman had some cuts on her face and was experiencing some memory loss. The woman was transported to Lawrence General Hospital by ambulance.

Friday, Sept. 9 - At 12:10 p.m., a Cherrywood Circle resident reported several snakes near her front steps that she wanted removed. The animal control officer arrived at the home and said he found a garter snake sunning itself on the steps. The snake moved along.

At 4 p.m., a caller reported a woman lying motionless on the grass in the Park and wearing "snap-up pants." Police spoke to the

woman, who was napping and then planned to head on her way.

At 9:57 p.m., a resident said they were being followed by a white Cadillac on North Main Street. After checking the security camera in Friendly's parking lot, police said a vehicle matching the description was observed driving in circles in the lot and then left. A report was filed.

Sunday, Sept. 11 - At 1:07 p.m., a resident reported he and his wife, who are separated, had an argument. The caller said his wife kicked his car and threw shoes at him. An officer reported that he gave the caller some advice.

At 3:06 p.m., Lowell police called Andover to report a subject who was wanted for domestic assault and battery. The LPD said Antohi Tiberiu is a known expert in martial arts and was carrying a knife in the glove box of his vehicle. Police believed the subject was heading to his father's home in Andover. Andover police spoke to the subject's parents who said they had not seen him all day. Andover police later found the subject and transported him to Lowell police.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 9:32 a.m., a caller reported a baby was accidentally locked in a motor vehicle. Police reported the baby was quickly

freed from the car and was fine.

At 12:44 p.m., state police called requesting an officer for a party at their barracks. The party said an Andover waste management truck hit his car and then refused to exchange information.

At 1:07 p.m., police responded to a call from Greater Lawrence Technical School on two teens involved in a fight. One parent wanted to press charges. Detectives arrived to take photos.

At 8:53 p.m., a River Road resident called to report his daughter's boyfriend was on his property, threatening him. The subject then left the scene and was witnessed heading toward Tewksbury.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 7 - At 7:58 a.m., a caller reported being the victim of a hit and run. The caller was on Chestnut Street when another vehicle crashed into the caller's car and fled the scene, according to police reports.

At 8:42 p.m., a two-car accident occurred on School Street. Police said alcohol was involved in the crash and made one arrest.

Thursday, Sept. 8 - At 3:54 p.m., a resident called from a Main Street address to report a Nissan Pathfinder

was "attached" to her front bumper. Police said no major damage had been done to the vehicle.

Tuesday, Sept. 13 - At 5:29 p.m., a resident called to report a blue Dodge truck hit her car and then left the scene on Central Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Sept. 8 - At 8:32 a.m., a Stowe Street resident reported her silver 2000 Honda was stolen during the night.

THEFTS

Sunday, Sept. 11 - At 10 a.m., a resident reported a case of identity fraud and said someone was stealing money out of her bank account.

BREAKS

Friday, Sept. 9 - At 8:54 a.m., a 911 caller reported a possible break into UBS Financial Service. Police said it appeared entry was accessed but nothing was taken.

Sunday, Sept. 11 - At 9:41 a.m., the owner of Andover Gulf reported someone had broken into his gas station during the night. Police took fingerprints at the scene.

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TOWN TALK

Agassi-signed tennis ball snatched by teen named Bjorn

Tennis buffs know that in a gesture of fan appreciation at the recent US Open, winners autographed three balls and hit them into the stands.

Well, score one for the nose-bleed section, as an Andover teen sitting 10 rows from the top of the 25,000-seat venue caught a ball signed by tennis star Andre Agassi.

Bjorn "BJ" Merinder, 13, of Avery Circle — yes, he even shares the same first name as a retired tennis star, Bjorn Borg — snatched the prize. He is a serious tennis player who went to the US Open with his mom, Maureen Merinder, and some of her tennis-playing friends.

"We were sitting right at the top of the Arthur Ashe stadium and I thought the balls would never reach up there. It was the nosebleed section," Maureen Merinder said. "About four people dived on top of us for it, but we got it!"

Her son, who is in the eighth grade at Wood Hill Middle School, tucked the prized ball under his hat and safely got it back to Andover where it sits proudly in a case.

— Judy Wakefield



BJ Merinder snagged a memento at the US Open — a ball signed by tennis great Andre Agassi.

Nifty at 50 less pounds

With his 50-pound weight loss, former School Committee member Gerry Gustus is looking more nifty as he turns 50 in October.

No longer stuck sitting at meetings, he is walking more and it has helped with the significant weight loss, he says. He plans to put all that exercise to good use. He's walking the Boston Marathon route this Sunday, Sept. 18. It's a benefit for The Jimmy Fund, which is the charity supported by his beloved Red Sox. Gustus is one of at least three dozen Andover residents participating.

"I'm in my 50th year, the Jimmy Fund is in its 50th year [actually 57th] and I have lost 50 pounds. I dunno ... it all seemed to be telling me something," he wrote in an e-mail to friends and co-workers.

To make a contribution to one of the walkers, visit www.jimmyfundwalk.org.

— Judy Wakefield

Birthday bash at Wild Oats

Wild Oats will host its 18th birthday bash this Saturday, Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. Food, music and other entertainment, including a balloon-animal-making clown will be available for adults who pay \$10 and children 12 and younger who pay \$5. A raffle and bake sale will benefit the Red Cross 2005 Hurricane Relief Fund.

Wild Oats is located at 40 Railroad St., Andover.

Grant-writing workshop shows artists how to fund work

Local supporters of the arts are encouraged to attend a grant-writing workshop being sponsored by the Andover Cultural Council.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon on the third floor of Memorial Hall Library. The workshop is open to any interested person, not just those applying to the Cultural Council for a grant. The keynote speaker is Sara Ewing, who is the program manager of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

"The Andover Cultural Council has taken a leadership role involving the actual writing of applications. The purpose of the workshop is to teach people how to write a convincing proposal," said member Mark Spencer, who owns Carriage House Photography on School Street.

Spencer said his group has had a major impact on the arts and education in town for 20 years and wants to get more people involved with grant-writing so more arts groups can get funding from the state's cultural council.

"It was through one of our grants that the Andover Chamber Music Series got off the ground. Plus, The Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, Treble Chorus of New England, North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra, most of the town's elementary schools and two dozen other organizations draw on ACC help each year," Spencer said.

Meanwhile, the Andover Cultural Council is also accepting applications for this year's grant disbursements. Application deadline is Oct. 15. Applications can be downloaded from www.massculturalcouncil.org.

— Judy Wakefield

WELCOME TO THE ARCTIC

Watch out for polar bears — and mosquitoes?!

By Rita Savard

In the most northern part of the world, swarms of mosquitoes and polar bears co-mingle. The sea water stays frozen all year round, yet temperatures in the month of June can soar to 80 degrees during the day, and fall below 30 at night.

Welcome to Churchill, Manitoba. This small village located in the Arctic Circle has a population of 963, and no road in or out. The remote location and raw wilderness surrounding Churchill might not attract hordes of tourists, but it did catch the attention of one Andover teacher, who decided to brave the blood-feasting insects and large land carnivores for the sake of science.

Lisa Galluzzo, a former Andover resident and a science teacher at Pike School, traveled to the sleepy village inside the Arctic Circle during the summer. With a team of six researchers, Galluzzo collected data that will be used to monitor climate change in one of the world's most environmentally sensitive regions.

"We're trying to see what effects the rising average global temperature has on the earth's atmosphere," Galluzzo said. "The reason the arctic is so important is because a great amount of the earth's water exists here in a frozen state. As the earth's temperature rises and more of the ice melts, it's going to release a very large amount of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, which will exacerbate the problem of global warming."

Since 2000, scientists have been focusing on swarms of mosquitoes and other wildlife species such as robins that are migrating to the Arctic Circle. The presence of these species, not previously seen in the icy region, is only one of the effects of climate change, according to some researchers. Others include the melting of glaciers and the erosion of coastlines.

Using a measuring tool known as Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), Galluzzo and the research team could see a picture of the earth's composition beneath the surface. Their mission involved taking a closer look at large chunks of permafrost lying within the landscape. Permafrost, explained Galluzzo, is a permanently frozen layer — about 12 to 18 inches thick

— under the top layer of earth.

The permafrost layer is also a key piece in helping to map out future patterns for climate change, she said.

"By looking at the change in depth of permafrost, we can see it has begun to melt far deeper than in past years," Galluzzo said. "The

problem we're finding is in the greenhouse gasses which are predominantly carbon dioxide and methane gas. These gasses are trapped in the water, which is frozen in the permafrost. When the permafrost melts, the gasses escape into the atmosphere, where they become trapped for a very long period of time."

Effects from greenhouses gasses being released into the atmosphere are now visible in the tree line in the Arctic Circle region, Galluzzo said. Trees that used to live further north are dying out and vegetation is receding.

Galluzzo endured other examples of the changing climate while gathering her research.

Trekking through Churchill was a hike. The town without roads can only be entered via train or plane, and each day when the research team made their way through to the test sites, Galluzzo was forced to blanket herself in mesh netting to guard against the mosquitoes.

"Some days I was all bundled

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THE BUZZ — Due to climate change, says Lisa Galluzzo, an Andover native and science teacher at Pike School, she found that mosquitoes were more likely to get her than polar bears.



ICELANDIC BENCH — Temperatures swung from the 30s to the 80s during Galluzzo's time studying climate change in the Arctic Circle.

BALLARDALE UNITED CHURCH

New pastor Deyton looks to add soul, souls

By Greta Cuyler

The Rev. Dr. Ed Deyton of Ballardvale United Church might invite a rock band to play during one of his Sunday morning services. Or he might bring in a folk-rock band or a gospel choir.

"I would hope that someone would walk in and hear their soul music, whether that's Bach or Eric Clapton," says Deyton.

Growing up musically in the 1960s, Deyton has had a passion for using music in worship since seeing a jazz band play at church when he was a teenager in Knoxville, Tenn. Since taking over the reins of the Ballardvale church from Dave Meyers in July, Deyton has been searching his congregation for potential musicians. So far he's found about eight.

"The musicians are out there in every church, they just need to be corralled and celebrated," says Deyton.

His passion for music might help him achieve one of his primary goals as pastor — increasing his congregation's size. The church population is currently at a plateau. It averages 65 people at Sunday morning service, but the building could hold up to 150. Deyton, chairman of a national committee on congregational development for the United Methodist church, says he feels comfortable leading the church

through an expansion phase.

"I'm here to think about the folks who are not with us," says Deyton, adding "we don't have to steal sheep to do that."

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, Ballardvale United is a Federated United Methodist Church and United Church of Christ member, participating jointly with both denominations and incorporating the tenets of both. The church openly embraces all parishioners but extends a special welcome to

those who might feel left out in other churches. Deyton, a United Methodist Minister, joined the Andover church in part because of this attitude. "What we have here is a church of mostly straight folks and then gays, lesbians and transgendered," says Deyton. The church movement, called Active Reconciling/Open and Affirming, embraces all as parishioners and as leaders of the church.

Deyton is looking forward to discovering the needs of his congregation and developing pro-

grams to meet those needs.

In Milford, where Deyton served for four years, he started a once-monthly Sunday evening service for developmentally disabled persons, many of whom did not regularly attend church services because of difficulties with staying still and silent for the length of the service. He also organized a "homework haven" program to help local students with one-on-one tutoring by the many teachers in the congregation. The program was so successful, it was copied by the Milford Schools, he says.

"The idea is not to impose programs, but to pay attention to who's out there and what the needs are," says Deyton.

Deyton's wife, Patricia, was the former CEO of the Massachusetts Bay Red Cross for 11 years. She now teaches "Management for Non-Profits" at Simmons College in Boston and manages the college's Center for Gender and Organizations.

Deyton is excited about his new congregation, citing members' abilities and love for each other. As for finding musicians, in addition to the church's choir and musical director, Deyton says he's found several others in his congregation. The only issue is that they don't know it yet.

"It's not a matter of coercion, it's a matter of fun," says Deyton.



IF YOU SING IT, THEY WILL COME — New pastor Ed Deyton believes that music is an important part of celebrating the liturgy.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call 978-623-8321 for more information about any classes, programs or services.

Book Club: Our next book club discussion will take place on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 1 p.m. when we will discuss *The Nanny Diaries* by Emma McLoughlin. Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the senior center approximately two weeks prior.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m. we will show the recent hit *Fever Pitch*, the funny story of a diehard Boston Red Sox fan, starring Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon.

Journal Writing: The senior center will offer a six-week journal-writing class beginning Wednesday, Sept. 21. Learn about the many possibilities for keeping different kinds of journals. Class will be held at Art With Wings in North Andover, but sign-up is through the senior

center for the special price of \$20.

Massage Therapy: A licensed massage therapist is on site at the center Monday mornings by appointment, offering seated, upper-body massages. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Call the center if you would like to try out this great stress-reliever.

Exercise Registration: Openings remain in some exercise classes for the fall semester. Call the center to check space availability. The 12-week fall semester will run through Nov. 25. Options include: strength-training for women, Tai Chi, easy exercise, beginning and intermediate tap dancing, water workout, beginning and advanced modified yoga, square dancing, men's strength and conditioning, and low-impact aerobics. Class schedules and fees are available at the center.

Cardio Circuit Training For Women: A six-week session at Shapes By Design gets underway this week. Geared for most fitness levels, this workout

is based on the use of 10 different machines. Cost is \$45 for unlimited use and no membership fee is required. This special offer is through the senior center only, and complimentary passes are available at the center for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity. Sign up before the first class.

Square Dancing: For the novice or experienced dancer; a six-week program began Tuesday, Sept. 13. Cost is \$4 per session, payable at the door. Get your exercise and have fun at the same time.

Art Instruction: All mediums and levels (including beginners) are welcome. Small, supportive atmosphere with individual attention by instructor Andrea Hart. A 12-week session got underway Monday, Sept. 12 at 1:30 p.m.; \$50.

Backgammon: If you'd like to learn this interesting game, then take advantage of the 10-week session that takes place Friday afternoons at 1:30. There is no charge, but pre-registration is necessary so we can plan appropriately.

Nature Walks: Our fall nature walks with Al and Evelyn Retelle runs through Oct. 17. We'll meet at the senior center at 8 a.m. and head out to enjoy the various conservation areas. No charge, but pre-registration is necessary. Let us know if you're planning to join us.

Men's Breakfast: We will kick off our first men's breakfast of the new season tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 16 at 8:30 a.m. The topic will be "Antarctica: The Last Frontier," a slide show narrated by John Archer, who spent two months there with a National Geographic Expedition. Advance reservations only; \$3.

Introductory Triad Forum: On Friday, Sept. 23 at 9:30 a.m., a program called TRIAD will be presented. TRIAD is designed to enhance the delivery of law-enforcement services to older people through crime prevention and education programs. Capt. Jason Ebacher of the Essex County Sheriff's Dept. and Det. Mark Higginbottom of the Andover Police Dept. will be here to explain the program and provide answers for prospective senior volunteers. Advance registration appreciated.

Andover Chamber Music: We will again collaborate with Andover Chamber Music to provide reduced ticket prices for selected concerts throughout the year. Tickets are now available for the Sept. 24 concert, "Postcards From Vienna." This concert will also feature the season debut of its ensemble in residence, Mistral. Tickets are \$15 if purchased through the center and spaces are limited.

Outdoor Adventures For Women: Based on the enthusiastic response to our summer hiking excursions, we invite all

interested women to join us for some upcoming brainstorming sessions to see what kinds of other possibilities the great outdoors has to offer. Spread the word, invite some friends, and give us a call to make a reservation. We will be meeting today, Thursday, Sept. 15 at 8:30 a.m. (a breakfast meeting) and Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. (a supper meeting). Advance reservations are necessary so we can plan appropriately.

Hand Painted Photos Workshop: On Thursday, Sept. 22 & 29 from 1:30 to 3 p.m., come and learn how to paint directly on black-and-white photographs using Marshall's Photo Oils, watercolors, pastels or colored pencils. Deb Venuti, the instructor, will supply all materials. Bring two or three black-and-white photos, 5x7 or larger, on matte surface paper. Any colored negative can easily be turned into a black-and-white picture at the local photo store. No art experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity to create a special occasion or holiday gift. Cost is \$15; pre-registration is necessary.

Creative Cooking/Lunch Group: Have the fun of going out to eat right at the senior center. Watch Ed Alessi's cooking demonstration and enjoy a great lunch at the same time on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 11:15 a.m. This month's menu will be pasta with spinach, nutmeg and shrimp. Cost is \$6.

Pain Management Class: Ten-week session begins on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 1:30 p.m. Taught by a registered nurse who is also a patient with chronic pain, this course is based on techniques developed by the Mind/Body Institute and the Arnold Pain Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The class will incorporate both traditional and complementary methods aimed at decreasing pain and improving function. \$40.

Healthy Eating For Successful Living in Older Adults: Six-week class begins Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m. This evidence-based program was initially developed by Lahey Clinic as part of a National Council on Aging Initiative and was recently revised based on the new food pyramid guidelines. This course, which has the backing of the Administration on Aging and was recently highlighted in *Innovations* magazine, focuses on looking at nutrition management in a positive, pro-active manner and teaches the skills necessary to maintain optimal health. Cost is \$25.

Fall Fest & Comedy Night: Pick up a ticket (\$10) for our fall fest and comedy night on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 6. Menu will feature harvest soup, salad, London broil, twice-baked

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WEDDINGS

Cronin-Batts

Jennifer Batts and Brad W. Cronin were married June 11 at St. Monica's Church, Methuen with Father Joseph MacCarthy officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Batts of Andover. She is a 1993 graduate of Andover High School and a 1997 graduate of Union College. She is employed as an account manager in sales and marketing at Horizon Health Care of New York.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cronin of Cocoa Beach, Fla., formerly of Andover.

A 1991 graduate of Andover High School, he received an MBA at Barry University in 2003. He is general manager at Long Island Lizards lacrosse team.

After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple live in Manhattan.



Jennifer and Brad Cronin

Ross 50th anniversary

Bob and Barbara (Waldie) Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10. Both are lifelong residents of Andover.

Bob Ross is a retired mail carrier and a veteran of World War II. Barbara Ross retired from the Andover school system, where she worked in the Doherty and East Jr. High school cafeterias.

The Rosses have four children and four grandchildren. Their son, Bob, is also a lifelong resident of the Andover area, where he and his wife Terrie raised their children, Stephanie and Michael. Daughter Heather resides in Hilliard, Fla. Daughter Bonnie and husband Allen and their children Nicole and Leah live in Lake Worth, Fla. Daughter Leslie lives in Olive Branch, Miss., with her husband Scotty.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross celebrated their anniversary with their children, grandchildren and close friends, with a family photo and dinner at Wingate of Andover.



Bob and Barbara Ross celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 10.

Andona Society to hold annual babysitting course

Volunteers from the Andona Society announced its annual babysitting course will be held starting next week. The program is an interactive course designed to educate middle-school children on the basics of babysitting. The course, which is open to all Andover middle-school students, begins the week of Sept. 19 and will run for six weeks. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 at Marland Place, or Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 at West Parish Church.

Classes are limited to 30 students each; therefore students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration forms were sent home in students' backpacks the first week of school.

For more information about Andona, visit www.andonasociety.org; and click on Special Events for the course description and details.

IN THE MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Joseph I. Aree**, son of Monserrate Aree of Andover and Joseph I. Aree of Philadelphia, Pa., recently reported for duty aboard the amphibious assault ship *USS Boxer*, homeported in San Diego.

Aree, a 1990 graduate of Lawrence High School, joined the Navy in September 1990.

Navy Lt. j. g. **Ali H. Ghaffari**, a 1998 graduate of Phillips Academy, was recently designated a Naval Aviator while serving with Training Air Wing One, Meridian, Miss.

Ghaffari was presented with the Wings of Gold, marking the culmination of months of flight training.

Ghaffari followed a training curriculum that included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarizations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation flights, and landings and takeoffs aboard an aircraft carrier.

Ghaffari joined the Navy in July 2001.

Navy Seaman Apprentice **Franco D. Taffurelli**, son of Sara F. Buttice of Andover, recently participated in anti-drug operations leading to the seizure of more than 4,200 pounds of narcotics while assigned to the guided-missile frigate *USS Kauffman*, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Taffurelli's unit had been tracking the motor vessel *Al Naveed* before boarding it. The team discovered the drugs hidden behind a false bulkhead.

Taffurelli's ship is deployed to the North Arabian Sea to conduct maritime security operations, which sets the conditions for security and stability in the maritime environment and complements counter-terrorism and security efforts.

Guided-missile frigates like *USS Kauffman* are anti-submarine warfare combatants for amphibious expeditionary forces, underway replenishment groups and merchant convoys.

Taffurelli, a 2003 graduate of North Andover High School, joined the Navy in February 2004.

Civilian **Nicholas J. Caro**, son of Susan V. and Charles W. Caro of Andover, recently participated in the US Naval Academy's week-long summer seminar program in Annapolis, Md.

During the program, Caro was introduced to academy life through a regimen of academics, physical training, intramural sports, sailing and seamanship, as well as leadership training and social activities.

The summer seminar program was designed by the US Naval Academy's office of admissions to give students a taste of the challenges and benefits of a Naval Academy education.

Caro is currently attending Governor Dummer Academy.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph W. De Quattro

Owned local restaurants

Joseph William De Quattro, 81, of Methuen and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the Tufts New England Medical Center, after complications from bypass surgery.

He was born and raised in Lawrence and, at the age of 16, he had his first job as a cook at the Genoa Cafe in Lawrence.

At the age of 18, he entered the US Army during World War II and served in the Pacific Theatre. After the war, he returned to the states and married Susan (Biggea) DeQuattro of Andover.

He worked at Prudential Insurance and then followed his dream of owning his own restaurant. He owned many restaurants, including DeQuattro's Restaurant and the Central Cafe in Andover, and Cyr's Tavern in Lawrence.

After his retirement, he was very active as a volunteer at the Lawrence General Hospital, Elder Services, and the Methuen Senior Center.

Members of his family include his former wife, Susan DeQuattro of Andover; seven children, Joyce Summa of Ridgefield, Conn.; Rosalie DeQuattro of Acton; Susan DeQuattro-Arrand of York, Maine; Debra Randall, Donna Norris and Catherine Nolin, all of Andover; and Joseph DeQuattro of Boston; a sister, Angelina Sot of New Hampshire; 17 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may

be made to the Autism Society of America, 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814-3067.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Agnes M. Harris

Lifelong resident

Agnes M. (Buss) Harris, 86, of Andover, died Thursday, Sept. 8, at Hannah Duston Health Care, after an extended illness.

She was the widow of Thomas W. Harris.

She was born in Andover, Aug. 10, 1919, the daughter of George and Mary A. (McBrinn) Buss. Mrs. Harris lived in Andover all of her life and was educated in the Andover school system.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church of Andover for several years.

She enjoyed card playing and bingo, was an avid reader, and enjoyed her home and family.

Members of her family include a son, Robert S. Harris of Salem, N.H.; four grandchildren; a dear niece, Maureen Bouchard; and other nieces and nephews.

She was also the mother of the late Sheila Kirkland, Michael Harris, Thomas Harris, and William Harris.

There will be no calling hours. Services will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions may

be made to St. Augustine Church, Andover.

Arrangements are by the Goundrey Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 42 Main St., Salem, N.H.

Frederick Graham

Worked for the IRS, was active with Red Cross

Frederick Graham of Andover died Saturday, Sept. 10.

He was the beloved husband of Dorothy (Maloney) Graham.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1943, received his associate's degree in business administration from Merrimack College in 1953, and his bachelor's degree in business administration/management from Northeastern University in 1956.

During World War II he served in the US Navy.

He worked for the IRS in Andover for more than 20 years.

Mr. Graham was an executive associate at the American Red Cross, Lowell chapter.

He was an instructor and trainer of advanced first aid, emergency care and CPR for the American Red Cross.

He was a section chief for the National Ski Patrol at Lawrence Ski Club.

In addition to his wife, members of his family include his children, Jacqueline P. Graham of Hampton, N.H.; Frederick Jr. and his wife, Lisa (Hall) Graham of Newburyport, and Constance Harris and her husband.

DEATHS

Joseph W. De Quattro, 81
Frederick Graham
Agnes M. (Buss) Harris, 86
Eleanor T. Johnson, 72
Marylin S. Kimball, 73
Patrick J. McLaughlin Jr., 45
Catherine Privitera-Regis, 45

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

JOHNSON - Eleanor T. (Couture) Johnson, 72, of Haverhill and formerly of North Andover, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, at her home after a long battle with cancer. Until her illness, she had worked for Kaps Men's Store in Andover.

PRIVITERA-REGIS - Catherine Privitera-Regis, 45, of Methuen, died Monday, Sept. 12, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She worked at the Greater Lawrence Vocational School in Andover as an ESL teacher for more than 17 years. She was the Italian language teacher at Methuen High School at the time of her death.

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

Bruce, of Amesbury; and two grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Central Catholic High School, 300 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841; or to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Marylin S. Kimball

Retired IRS secretary

Marylin S. (Glynn) Kimball, 73, of Andover, died Friday, Sept. 9, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Boston, she received her education at Our Lady of Presentation in Brighton.

She was employed as a secretary at the IRS in Bedford, until her retirement.

Mrs. Kimball taught CCD classes at St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Members of her family include her husband of 51 years,

Arthur Kimball of Andover; daughter, Virginia Marie Dalton and her husband Arthur of Andover; two sons, Arthur Kimball III and his wife Elizabeth of Milwaukee, Wis., and Francis S. Kimball and his wife Sherrie of Andover; a sister, Joan Salvucci and her husband Richard of Hudson, N.H.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Adult Lymphoma Group, c/o Quarterdeck at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115, or to the Andover Jazz Band, c/o Jeff Buckridge, Doherty Middle School, Bartlett Street, Andover, 01810.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Patrick J. McLaughlin Jr.

Was a social worker

Patrick J. "PJ" McLaughlin Jr., a veteran of World War II and a longtime social worker for the City of Lowell and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, died Thursday, Sept. 8.

Mr. McLaughlin was the youngest of five sons born to the late Dr. Patrick and Lillian D. McLaughlin of Nashua, N.H.

His brothers and his infant daughter, Caroline, predeceased him.

For many years, Mr.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

FOR SENIORS

HEALTHY EATING

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potatoes, glazed carrots and apple crisp for dessert. After dinner, enjoy some laughs with two Boston-area comedians and a few guest jesters. Advance tickets only.

Music Appreciation - Haydn Symphonies: Six-week class beginning Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. This course will take an in-depth look at many of "Papa" Haydn's symphonies including information about his life and music, his connection to Mozart and influential events during his life time: \$30.

Autumn Day in Vermont: We'll be making several stops at

various attractions in the Quebec Gorge area Monday, Oct. 17, along with time for shopping and sightseeing in the charming village of Woodstock. Travelers will be responsible for their own lunch: \$28.

White Christmas at the Wang Center: The classic holiday tradition *White Christmas* is coming to the stage as a brand-new Irving Berlin musical extravaganza. Full of dancing, laughter and some of the greatest songs ever written. We have orchestra seats for the 2 p.m. matinee on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Cost of the trip, which includes a ticket and transportation, is \$75.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1905

Rev. Frederick A. Wilson conducted a service in Frye Village Hall Sunday afternoon.

A flock of wild geese were seen early last Saturday morning, flying southward in the direction of Pomp's Pond.

A break in the water pipe on Park Street was repaired by the public works department the first of the week.

\$2.00 is the round-trip rate via the Boston & Maine R. R. on September 5th on Lake Winnepesaukee Excursion.

Many Andover people are planning to attend the singing festival to be held by the German societies of New England in the Lawrence Opera House Sunday.

The Chinese students at Phillips Academy are attending a conference of the Chinese students in this country, which is being held at Amherst this week.

Routine business was transacted at the meeting of the selectmen held Monday afternoon.

The baseball game between the St. Augustine nine and the Don't Worry team of Lawrence, scheduled for last Saturday, was forfeited to the local team because of the failure of the Lawrence aggregation to appear.

An 8-inch pipe to supply water for fire purposes is to be laid to the new Smith & Dove mill.

Clarence Sharp has entered the employ of Druggist Albert E. Lowe.

75 Years Ago - 1930

Miss Jean Edmonds of this town, who has been spending the summer working at the Twin Lights hotel, York Beach, Maine, was instrumental in helping to save two young men from drowning last Saturday morning at the beach.

Horace Killam of Porter Road, organist of the First Church of Christ, Bradford, will conduct the music at the Rowley Tercentenary service to be

held Sunday afternoon at the Congregational church of that town at 3:30 when the junior and senior choirs of the Bradford church will sing.

Timothy Mahoney of High Street is enjoying his annual vacation.

During the month of August, 3,460 books were issued for home use at Memorial Hall Library. At Ballardvale, 521 were borrowed.

A most appreciative audience attended the program of entertainment given on Wednesday evening in Punchard Hall for the benefit of the Playground, by several young people of the town interested in this development.

Miss Jeanne Harrington, who leaves next week for Nasson Institute in Springvale, Maine, rode in the Rye Horse Show, Rye, N.H., on Aug. 30. Miss Harrington is a graduate of this year's class at Abbot Academy.

Miss Margaret Laurie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Laurie of Whittier Street, has severed connections with the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Co. office and will enter Burdett's College.

Miss Eleanor C. Daly, daughter of Dr. J. J. Daly and Mrs. Daly of Chesnut Street, plans to enter Regis College at Weston this fall. Miss Daly will study for her AB degree. She graduated from Punchard High School last June. Miss Daly will be the first Andover girl to attend Regis College, which was opened in 1927.

Miss Marion L. Abbott will resume pianoforte teaching on Monday, September 8. Prospective pupils will find her studio at 107 Main St. Telephone 466W.

Miss Alice Nelligan of Chesnut Street has resumed her duties at the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Co. office after enjoying a week's vacation.

The seriousness of the unemployment situation in Andover is realized. Public welfare organizations and the town itself are ready to respond to calls for aid.

The Andover Lions Club was organized Wednesday evening at a luncheon held at the assembly hall in the rear of the Andover Square and Compass club.

50 Years Ago - 1955

The local Red Cross disaster fund reached \$6,402.61 this week.

A special town meeting will be held this month because the Rogers Brook drainage system promises to cost far more than the amount voted by town meeting last April.

The first step towards industrial development was taken by the Planning Board on Monday night. That body voted to ask the selectmen to a joint meeting Sept. 12 to discuss ideas for a special committee of townsmen that would act as an industrial development group for the community.

Michael J. Sullivan, 363 North Main St., has the distinction of being Shawshen's only living Spanish-American War veteran.

In honor of her coming marriage to John Farren of Winthrop, Miss Doris Beaulieu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Beaulieu of Haverhill Street, was feted at a shower Aug. 25 at the home of her parents.

The women's groups of the United Church of Christ will hold a supper meeting in the vestry Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6:30.

Any person wishing to purchase a hymnal as a memorial gift is asked to contact Mrs. Wendall Mattheson, Lewis Nason or the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McNally and daughter Donald, of Andover Street, returned from a motor trip to Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neunzer of Woburn Street attended the Middlesex County Beekeepers Association meeting held Sunday in Malden.

Richard Steele of Andover Street is confined to his home with a badly sprained arm.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Out of the blocks

Off to a strong start, teams post shutouts Tuesday

By Rick Harrison

It was business as usual for the Andover High girls swim and dive team, which launched the 2005 campaign with its 74th consecutive dual-meet victory.

Putting up one of its strongest lineups against a rugged non-league opponent, the six-time reigning state champion Lady Warriors turned in 15 state-cut performances and added four sectional cuts on the way to a 94-81 triumph over Middlesex League power Belmont at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool.

AHS placed first in all 12 events, swept the top three spots in four, and were led by senior All-Scholastics Caitlin Doherty (four firsts, two individual, two relays) and Candice Peak (three firsts, one individual, two relays).

Sophomore Ellen Cody produced the swim of the day in the 500 free, and the Andover divers swept their event with ease.

Other AHS varsity teams also sped off to successful starts, with girls soccer 3-0-1, girls volleyball and boys soccer 2-0, field hockey 1-0-1 and golf 3-1 (prior to *Townsmen* presstime) after the first full week of competition.

Tuesday was especially impressive as AHS teams played three games and recorded three shutouts, field hockey blanking Tyngsboro, 4-0, girls soccer whitewashing Chelmsford, 4-0, and boys soccer blitzing Chelmsford, 3-0.

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

Jen Geary, Tiffany Petzold, Erin McAuliffe and Melissa Alois were other individual race winners for Andover — the latter three recording state-cut times — as the locals once again showed their trademark depth and balance.

"The first three or four meets we usually enter the girls in one individual event each — while trying to showcase the upperclass swimmers," explained head coach Marilyn Fitzgerald. "The two freshmen that did race (for points) did an excellent job."

Schedule

Andover hosted another non-league foe yesterday, after *Townsmen* presstime, as Reading came to the GLT pool.

The first Merrimack Valley Conference dual, and third straight home meet, is next Tuesday versus Methuen (3:30 p.m.).

Andover 94 Belmont 81

Ellen Cody stunned even her coach when she won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:13.69, a time that would place at the State Meet in November every year.

"It was amazing for her to turn in that performance this early in the season," said Fitzgerald.

Which begs the question how low can she go over the next two months?

Caitlin Doherty, two-time reigning state champ in four events, was up to her old tricks as she touched first in the 200 free (state-cut 2:01.07) and 100 butterfly (state-cut 1:00.31).

She also joined Candice Peak, Tiffany Petzold and senior anchor Jen McDonald on the victorious 200 free relay (state-cut 1:48.23), and Cody, Peak and sophomore anchor Kristi Korsberg on the winning 400 free relay (state-cut 3:53.62).

Junior Erin McAuliffe, sophomore Melissa Alois, Korsberg and Peak were tops in the 200 medley relay (state-cut 1:57.43).

Junior Jen Geary captured the 50 free sprint (27.54), reigning state champ Petzold the 100 free (state-cut 56.51), McAuliffe the 100 backstroke (state-cut 1:04.13) and Alois the 100 breaststroke (state-cut 1:12.65).

Coach Becky Pierce's divers dominated, with sectional cuts for senior Capt. Michelle

Guy (169.72 points) and freshman runner-up Katie O'Connell (167.77). Junior Jillian Bargar placed third (144.37).

Completing the other sweeps were sophomores Ginny Gibson (state-cut 2:21.93) and Allison Alwan (state-cut 2:22.75) in the 200 IM, freshman Margot Ryan (1:05.18) and senior Rita Gillan (1:06.08) in the 100 fly, Petzold (state-cut 1:13.55) and junior Cassandra Valler (state-cut 1:14.87) in a very competitive 100 breast.

Gibson was also runner-up in the 500 free with a sectional-cut 5:52.81, and Korsberg placed second in the 100 back (state-cut 1:04.78).

Geary, junior Jenny Meltz, Alwan and Gibson touched second in the 400 free relay (4:04.78).

Chalking up thirds were Meltz (200 free, 2:12.56), McDonald (50 free, 28.09) and the 200 free relay quartet of junior Kerry Gaj, Alois, junior Liz Cremin and freshman Natalie Przewozniak (1:56.87).

Nailing down fourth place were Cremin (100 free, 1:04.31) and Gaj (100 back, sectional-cut 1:09.62).

Sophomore Bridget Carroll was fifth in the 100 free (1:04.45), and sixths were secured by junior Margaret Doherty (200 free, 2:27.93), senior Capt. Danielle Perry (50 free, 33.11) and junior Jackie Booth (500 free, 6:35.18).

BOYS SOCCER

The Andover High boys varsity soccer team, reigning Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion, scored more goals than it did in 18 of 19 games last year when the locals blasted Central Catholic, 6-0, in the 2005 lidlifter.

That was followed by the 3-0 triumph over Chelmsford Tuesday night under the lights at the Lions' Simonian/Alumni Stadium.

Schedule

Andover opens defense of its Andover/North Andover Invitational Tournament championship tomorrow night (Friday) at Lovely Field, hosting Pentucket Regional of West Newbury at 7 p.m.

The tourney title and consolation games will be played Sunday at North Andover.

Haverhill and North Andover complete the four-team field for the annual tournament.

Next Tuesday night AHS will travel to Lowell (1-1, 1-0 MVC) for a 7 p.m. game against its MVC Division 1 archrival at Cawley Stadium.

The locals beat out Lowell for the conference crown last fall, and then blasted the Red Raiders from the Division 1 North Tournament with a 5-0 opening-round romp.

Injury report

There was early-season good and bad news on the injury front for the locals.

Senior midfielder Mike Baldwin is back playing after sustaining an ankle sprain just prior to the start of pre-season workouts in late August.

However, senior forward Joe Savoca fell in practice earlier this week and suffered a broken collarbone expected to keep him sidelined for at least a month.

Andover 6 Central Catholic 0

The AHS boys made an early statement with this resounding season-opening romp under the lights at Lovely Field.

Five players scored goals, led by junior midfielder Craig Massey who bookended the first and last tallies of the game.

"We started slowly," said coach Mike Wartman, whose team broke a scoreless tie 30 min-

utes into the game. "It was a typical beginning to a season opener. Everyone was excited and nervous."

"We settled down nicely in the second half, picking up the pace and moving the ball around well. We played unselfish soccer that created a lot of scoring opportunities."

"Defensively we were strong throughout the game."

Massey's first goal in the 30th minute was unassisted, and senior forward Joe Savoca made it 2-0 five minutes later by converting a crossing pass from Massey.

Senior middle Tyler Carroll launched the four-goal second half 5:12 into the period, center-defender Steve Twomey notching the assist, and junior striker Nate Baker's unassisted goal five minutes later opened a 4-0 lead.

Baker took the ball away from a CCHS defender, moved to a clear area and fired an 18-yard shot to the top right corner of the Raiders' net.

Savoca sent Capt. Jason Sheldon away for a breakaway goal midway through the half.

Massey capped the offense with eight minutes left in the game, setups to junior midfielder Ian Dempsey with a head pass off a throw-in by defender Sam Ball.

The shutout was shared by three AHS goalkeepers as senior starter Chris Palmieri (50 minutes, three saves), senior Paul Schrader (20 minutes, three saves) and junior Jeff Salvesen (10 minutes) split the duties.

Andover finished with a 13-6 shooting edge.

Andover 3 Chelmsford 0

Nate Baker and Jason Sheldon did all the offensive damage for the Golden Warriors; who notched their second straight shutout win while handing host Chelmsford its second consecutive shutout loss (4-0 versus Dracut).

Baker, team-high scorer as a sophomore last fall, sent a through pass to Sheldon who ran onto the ball and notched the only goal necessary midway through the first half.

Baker connected 10 minutes later after taking a feed from Sheldon, spotting the AHS sharpshooter stationed at the far post.

Baker capped the attack with an unassisted goal 10 minutes into the second half, stealing the ball from a Chelmsford player before feigning the keeper out of position and firing home his second tally of the game.

"Once again we got the job done defensively," said coach Wartman. "Chelmsford didn't get a lot of dangerous scoring opportunities."

Chris Palmieri played the first 70 minutes and Jeff Salvesen the final 10 in net, combining for the eight-save shutout as AHS finished with a 14-8 shooting edge.

Wartman also lauded the strong play of outside defenders Max and Sam Ball, and middle defenders Steve Twomey at stopper and Capt. Greg Lewis at sweeper.

GIRLS SOCCER

The formidable Andover High girls varsity soccer team is off to another quick start, the Lady Warriors belting Central Catholic, 4-1, in the season opener before chalking up a win and tie against two powerful opponents in the inaugural Notre Dame Academy of Hingham Tournament.

AHS battled host NDA to a 0-0 standoff in the tourney semifinals, and then nudged Canton 2-1 in the final round.

Notre Dame was declared the champion because it edged Andover in an overtime shootout and then nipped Sacred Heart, 2-1, in the second round.

The 4-0 romp past Chelmsford Tuesday night at Lovely Field left the locals 3-0-1 overall and 2-0 in MVC 1 play.

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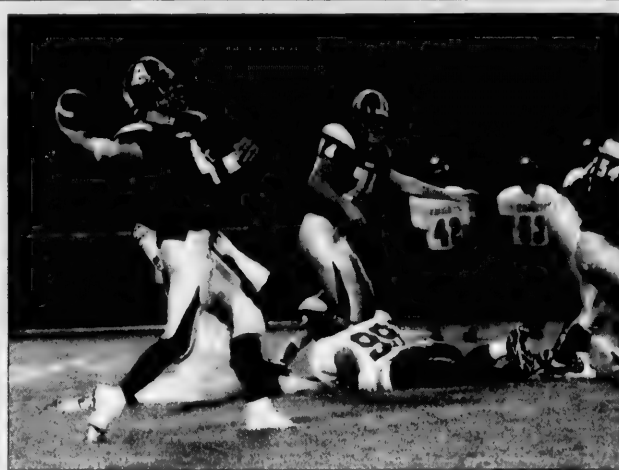


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover quarterback Tommy White passes the ball downfield but the Warriors came up short in their season opener, losing 20-14 in overtime to North Andover.

AHS FOOTBALL

It would've been nice

By Rick Harrison

So close to an exhilarating victory — the Andover High varsity football team must instead accept a tough loss and hopefully forge ahead with renewed resolve.

The Golden Warriors played hard and well in their non-league season-opener at Lovely Field, but North Andover overcame a pair of one-touchdown deficits to pull out an exciting 20-14 overtime victory.

Head coach Ken Maglio's AHS crew, coming off a sparkling 10-1 season, unveiled a devastating passing combo in first-year starting senior QB Tom White and senior wide receiver Buddy Farnham.

The pair locked up for nine pass completions, covering 145 yards, and a touchdown.

But the aerial show wasn't quite enough.

Andover had beaten its neighbor 12 straight times since 1987 in this sporadic series, with the last NA win 21-6 in 1987.

This was also the first overtime game for the Golden Warriors since 2001, the first year OT was instituted for regular season games.

AHS played and lost twice in the extra period, 34-28 to Tewksbury and 22-20 to Haverhill.

That year eight of Andover's 10 games were decided by eight points or less.

The last overtime win for an AHS football team was a dramatic 21-20 triumph against Salem in the classic 1974 Eastern Mass. Division 2 Super Bowl game.

Early lead

Andover, ranked 14th in the latest Eastern Mass. polls despite the loss, jumped ahead 6-0 in the first quarter when junior halfback Ken Masse sliced over from the three yard line. The attempted PAT kick was unsuccessful.

Cape Ann League member North Andover bounced back a short time later to take a 7-6 advantage, QB Scott Driscoll and Ryan Reading hooking up on a 60-yard pass-and-run touchdown play before Bob Connelly's conversion kick put the Scarlet Knights ahead.

White and two-time All-Scholastic Farnham got that one back late in the first half on a 47 yard TD pass.

The two-point conversion pitch from White to Farnham made it 14-7 at the break.

It was Farnham's 18th career TD catch. Although White threw for 220 yards, and the locals chalked up 309 yards from scrimmage, there were three Scarlet Knight interceptions and AHS was shut down without a point

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GAME SUMMARY

NO. ANDOVER 20, ANDOVER 14 (ot)						
at Lovely Field						
Andover	6	8	0	0	0	14
North Andover	7	0	0	7	6	20
First Quarter						
A: Ken Masse 3 run (kick failed)						
NA: Ryan Reading 59 pass from Scott Driscoll (Bob Connelly kick)						
Second Quarter						
A: Buddy Farnham 47 pass from Tom White (Farnham pass from White)						
Third Quarter						
No scoring						
Fourth Quarter						
NA: Adam Foote 16 run (Connelly kick)						
Overtime						
NA: Josh Iovanella 2 run (pass failed)						
TEAM STATISTICS						
First Downs: Andover 11; North Andover 10						
Rushes/Yards: Andover 17-89; North Andover 40-217						
Passing: Andover 13-24-3, 220 yards, TD; North Andover 4-17-0, 110 yards, TD						
Total Yards: Andover 309; North Andover 327						
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 1-1; North Andover 2-1						
Punts-Ave: Andover 4-26.0						
Penalties/Yards: Andover 6-40; North Andover 5-50						
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 46; North Andover 63						
Records: Andover 0-1, North Andover 1-0						
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
Rushing: A, Tom White 11-45; Ken Masse 14-42, TD; Buddy Farnham 1-2; Mike D'Angelo 1-0						
Passing: A, Tom White 13-24-3, 220 yards, TD, NA, Scott Driscoll 4-17-0, 110 yards, TD						
Receiving: A, Buddy Farnham 9-145, TD; Ken Masse 2-19; P.J. Farnham 1-37; Adam Cuomo 1-19						
Fumble Recovery: A, Dan Vining 1						
Sack: A, J.B. Israel 1						
Blocked Field Goal: A, Mike Pierce 1						
Tackles: A, Dan Vining 12; Jeff Martin 10; Jake Stamas 9; Buddy Farnham 6; Tom White 6; Mike Pierce 6; Jon Crush 5; Joel Israel 5; Ken Masse 4; Sam Clark 3; Greg Moore 3; Chris Abreu 2; Ryan Jimenez 1; Adam Cuomo 1; Tom Jackson 1; Scott Smith 1; Mike D'Angelo 1						

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AHS PREVIEWS

AHS varsity teams hope to duplicate their strong 2004 seasons

By Rick Harrison

Here are in-depth looks at 2005 Andover High fall varsity sports teams in field hockey, boys soccer, girls cross country, boys cross country, and golf.

FIELD HOCKEY

Andover High field hockey has rapidly developed into one of the best varsity programs in Eastern Massachusetts.

After enjoying only moderate success for many years, the sport took off and began to dominate just about the same time current coach Maureen Noone arrived on the scene.

In the last seven years the former Wilmington High head varsity coach has directed the Lady Warriors to a superb 84-30-21 overall won-lost-tied record, including 63-8-11 the past four-plus seasons.

AHS has won or shared four Merrimack Valley Conference titles in a row, losing only one regular season game each fall, and qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament five straight years (4-5 tourney record).

Last fall the locals went 17 games before suffering their first loss, 3-2 to Lowell, in the regular season finale.

The MVC champs finished 17-2-2 overall, including Division 1 North Tournament wins over Wakefield (2-1, overtime) and Waltham (2-0), before losing to Reading in the tourney semifinals.

Key graduates were top scorer Jacqui Munro (7-16-23 points), Jamie Maltz (9-7-16) and Elissa Slovin, the program's most successful goaltender with 10 shutouts last fall and 35 (solo and shared) for her career.

Slovin is currently playing net at Babson College in Wellesley, Munro is playing field hockey at Columbia University and Maltz is attending UMass Amherst.

Other grads include goaltender Ayesha Rabbini, who had one solo shutout and shared four others in 2004, Jessie Shields who is playing at Vassar, Zara Golden, Cate Delaney and Rithi Mathias.

Earlier recent AHS graduates playing college field hockey include Stephanie Casper (Northeastern), Grace Farnham (Merrimack), Chrissy Levis (Bryant), Stephanie Sweeney (Bentley) and scoring machine Adrienne Shea (Wesleyan University).

Five starters return, junior forward Toby Maltz (10-6-16 points last year), senior midfielder/forward Debbie Cheng (7-3-10), senior forward Kerry Haugh (5-4-9), senior midfielder/Capt. Jessica Yu and senior center-midfielder/Capt. Meghan Saccone.

Five other veteran letterwinners are senior midfielder/forward Casey Salois (3-1-4), senior forward Julie Marton (5-2-7), junior midfielder/defender Brianna Gross (1-1-2), senior forward Molly Lieberman (2-0-2) and senior defender Lauren Ciampa.



Kerry Haugh brings the ball upfield against the Tyngsboro defense. Andover won the game, 4-0.

New to the varsity are junior forward Lindsay Hegarty, senior defender Kristin Walsh, sophomore back Jen Quinlan, sophomore forward/midfielder Nina Yu, junior goaltender McKenzie Trainor and senior goaltender Kristin Costagliola.

"I was discouraged after our first scrimmage against North Andover on their turf field - which may have been an advantage for them," said Noone. "We were getting out the kinks - but we looked lazy."

"A couple days later we participated in the Danvers High Play Day, and that effort was impressive. We were much more confident and aggressive."

"This appears to be a quiet, hard-working group. They started out a bit uncomfortable - not quite sure where they stood."

"We graduated a pair of outstanding leaders in Munro and Slovin. They instilled an energy and fire in their teammates with their words and performance."

Noone hopes similar leaders emerge quickly.

"Goaltending is a huge position and we're untested there. Basically we've only had two goalies the last six years (Slovin, Angelica Rotsart). We got spoiled and forgot how tough that position can be to fill."

The 2005 regular season opened last Thursday afternoon with a 2-2 MVC home-game tie against perennial power Chelmsford.

The initial win came Tuesday over Tyngsboro in convincing 4-0 fashion.

The only non-leaguers are home-and-away with Gloucester on Sept. 16 and Sept. 26.

The lone night games are at Gloucester (6:30 p.m.) and Oct. 5 at Chelmsford (7 p.m.).

Noone, whose team also participated in the Waldie Jamboree hosted by Methuen, feels the conference teams most capable of challenging AHS for the title this fall are Tewksbury, Chelmsford and always-pesky Lowell.

Noone, a Stoneham native, is a for-

mer three-sport standout for the Spartans (field hockey/basketball/softball) whose athletic career was cut short by shoulder surgery her freshman year at Fitchburg State.

Returning assistant coaches are Leanne McConlogue (JV) and Kristen Lehman (freshmen).

BOYS SOCCER

Andover High boys soccer is back! Not that it really went anywhere.

But last year the Golden Warriors were the best team in the Merrimack Valley Conference - for the first time in awhile - and among the best in all of Eastern Massachusetts.

AHS won the Division 1 Conference championship, captured its first game in the North Sectional Tournament, and finished with a 14-3-2 overall record.

Fourth-year head coach Mike Wartman, who has been with the program 18 seasons overall, is hoping to recapture the magic as the locals set out to defend their league title.

"We have quite a few spots to fill," said Wartman, who sports a 36-19-4 record as head man. "We graduated 14 seniors and have only three starters back."

"But most of the kids went to camps and played in leagues over the summer. They've worked hard, the attitude is good and we have 14 more seniors this year who should provide us with good leadership."

"Hopefully some of the inexperience at the varsity level will be offset by team chemistry," said Wartman.

Heading the list of graduates was Conference and Eastern Mass. All-Star goalkeeper Mike Canepa (attending Pepperdine University in California), who participated in eight shutouts (three solo) last fall and helped the team surrender only 10 goals in 19 games (0.53 GAA).

The MVC champs remarkably yielded just two goals in their final 11 games (0.18), the last one in a tough 1-0 North Tournament quarterfinal round loss to Medford.

Second goalkeeper Chris Cole, who

had two solo shutouts and split time with Canepa in five other whitewashes, is at Gettysburg University.

Also gone are standout midfielders Greg Spurr (Providence) and Vasil Kostakis (St. Michael's). Brendan O'Connell, Ryan Greeley (Villanova), Greg Faniglietti (UMass Lowell), Dave Checrallah (Salem State), Andy Boudreau (Johns Hopkins), Luke Bryden, Eric Draper and Matt Teperow.

The three returning starters, who topped a list of 86 candidates, are senior center-defender and Capt. Greg Levis, senior midfielder and Capt. Jason Sheldon and junior striker Nate Baker.

Baker led the 2004 team in scoring, with 12 goals and one assist, while Sheldon contributed three goals, five assists. Eight other lettermen with varying degrees of varsity time return, including senior midfielder Mike Baldwin (5-2-7 last year), senior wing defenders and twin brothers Max and Sam Ball, senior midfielders Tyler Carroll (3-0-3), Pierre Hage and Tyler Hyslip, senior center-defender Steve Twomey and senior forward Joe Savoca (second leading scorer with 6-5-11 points).

The varsity newcomers are junior midfielder/defenders Ian Dempsey, Norbert Guery, Jared Kuipers, Kevin Twomey and Craig Massey, junior forward Taylor Beaucaire, senior midfielder/defender Eugene Hsieh and senior defender Brad Durkin.

Stepping in at goalkeeper are seniors Chris Palmieri and Paul Schrader, along with junior Jeff Salvessen.

"We have some versatility - with quite a few who can play midfield or defender - and we hope to spread the scoring out more this season," said Wartman.

Last year's MVC title was the 11th overall in AHS boys soccer history, and the Golden Warriors have also qualified for the tournament 22 of the last 24 years under Wartman and previous 26-year veteran skipper Dave Amundsen who retired with a 313-104-71 won-lost-tied record.

Pre-season scrimmage games were

held against Masconomet Regional of Topsfield (1-1 tie), Lexington (2-1 win), Medford which knocked Andover out of the tourney last November, and Wakefield.

The regular season opened last Thursday night with a resounding 6-0 romp under the lights over MVC opponent Central Catholic.

It was the nightcap of a doubleheader, with the Andover girls trimming Central 4-1 in the opener.

AHS followed with a second straight shutout this past Tuesday night, a 3-0 road triumph at Chelmsford.

The annual Andover/North Andover Tournament opens tomorrow (Friday), with AHS playing Pentucket Regional of West Newbury in the semifinals at Lovely Field (7 p.m.).

North Andover and Haverhill round out the four-team field.

The Golden Warriors are reigning tourney champs, beating Pentucket 4-1 in the opening round and North Andover, 3-1, in the title game last year.

The consolation and championship games are scheduled for Sunday at North Andover.

Other non-league opponents are St. John's Prep of Danvers (home, Oct. 1), Ipswich (home, Oct. 8) and Danvers High (home, Oct. 29).

Andover has never beaten Ipswich, the Tigers keeping that record intact by tying the Golden Warriors 2-2 last season.

Eleven of the locals' 18 games this fall are at home.

Wartman feels Lowell, a veteran Central Catholic team, Billerica and Chelmsford could all be MVC contenders.

Completing the coaching staff are Jim Saalfrank (JV's), Peter Arthur (freshmen), volunteer goalkeeper coach Nat Boughton and volunteer Leroy Spann who once played for the Trinidad & Tobago national team.

CROSS COUNTRY

It may not translate into more wins - but look for the 2005 Andover High girls cross country team to be stronger and more competitive this fall.

The biggest reason is the addition of several outstanding distance runners that ran for the winter and spring track teams but are new to cross country.

"All the best runners that trained for distance events in track last year have come out for cross country - and that's a thrill for me," said Brenda Clark-Warne, an assistant coach in all three sports and former standout runner herself.

"Our girls should be much improved over last year, and hopefully we can create a tight pack that will run together in dual meets and score some crucial points for us."

"I don't know if we can overtake the traditional conference powers - like Chelmsford and Haverhill - but I think some opponents are going to underesti-

mate us and we'll surprise a few teams along the way," said Clark-Warne.

"We've had some great pre-season workouts and hoped to have a good season when the dual meets begin."

Seniors who graduated from last year's squad include Alice Yarn, Anastasia Sullivan and Roopa Chian.

Clark-Warne and 19th year head coach Leo Lafond expect to bring in from junior veteran Maggie Hamer and senior newcomer Courtney Hamer.

Last fall was Cosgrove's first as a cross country runner, and the basketball standout consistently finished first or second among Andover runners.

Hamer, a state race class winner as well, decided to make a full-time commitment to running since that is the sport she wants to pursue in college. She was Andover's top girls' two-miler as a junior with a personal best time around 11:42.

"Both Courtney and Maggie are real competitors - and we expect them to have a friendly, heated and healthy rivalry," said Clark-Warne.

Other top returners from last year among the more than 40 candidates are senior Capt. Christy Natar and Kate Brista.

Nigh was also the Lady Warriors' top runner in several meets, including when the locals finished with a record in Division 2 of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Sophomores who competed in the varsity as freshmen in 2004 are Jess Sherman, Jess Foster and Jen George.

Other top newcomers include sophomore Casey Harrison, a 5'4" miler, sophomore Mary Burke who placed in the two-mile at several track meets and freshman Shannon Cooney.

The girls had a tough opener as the hosted Chelmsford yesterday, after *Townsmans* presstime.

It doesn't get much easier next week (Sept. 21), as the locals host co-MVC favorite Haverhill and Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro in a tri-meet.

"Maybe running against Chelmsford and Haverhill early - and on our home (3.1-mile) course - will help us," said Clark-Warne.

The Andover boys, 5-4 last year, were hit harder by graduation than the girls as top runners James Primes (at Boston College), Jim Muller (Northeastern), Oleg Seletsky (Dartmouth) and class valedictorian Sasha Seletsky (UPenn) will all be missed.

Hoping to step up and fill the vacancies are junior Peter Shaw, junior Frank Perrone and seniors Peter Brown, Alex McCargar, Capt. Ben Ossoff and Capt. Jeff Farmer.

All competed last year and at times were among the Golden Warriors' scorers (top five team finishers).

Also back are junior Sayo Maldar and sophomore Dave Easton.

While strong newcomers among the

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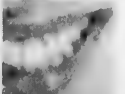
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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS SOCCER

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Schedule

The Lady Warriors have a big non-league game Saturday night at archrival and neighbor North Andover (7 p.m.).

Next Tuesday AHS hosts MVC archrival Billerica, off to a 1-2 start including a 1-0 loss to North Andover, at Lovely Field (3:30 p.m.).

Andover 4
Central Catholic 1

Capt. Emily Pallotta and Jen Hagopian, expected to be the Lady Warriors' top scorers, got off to a good start as both netted two goals in the season-opening win over MVC foe Central at Lovely Field.

"Defense was the key for us," said co-head coach Dick Loschi. "Other than their only goal, on a penalty kick, most of Central's shots came from long range."

"Our defense rotated well and we were able to control the midfield area. Even the first-year players picked up their game."

"It was a good way to start the season," added Loschi. "We got the jitters out and still won with a strong effort."

Senior midfielder Pallotta notched a pair of unassisted first-half goals, at 9:45 and 27:27, as the locals moved out to a 2-0 lead.

On the first tally of the season, she took the ball away from a Central defender and planted a bullet shot into the far right corner.

The second and eventual game-winner came after an intercepted pass, Pallotta cutting inside to the right before

turning and lofting a shot to the top left corner.

Central's Mallory Forzese ruined the shutout bid two minutes later (29:20) when she connected on a penalty shot.

Senior forward Hagopian took over in the second half, netting a pair of insurance goals at 10:16 and 37:02.

Junior forward Rikki Sartor assisted on the first, as Hagopian fought her way through a maze of bodies during a goal-mouth scramble and fired a low shot into the CCHS net.

The final marker, with less than three minutes left, came when Hagopian ran onto a right wing cross from junior forward Ally Brown and deposited another low shot.

Junior Becky Cairns played the first half in net and sophomore Camille Fantini the second half, both making two saves as AHS finished with a 10-5 shot advantage.

"Camille made one sparkling save, grabbing the ball out of mid-air on a shot that was just under the crossbar and labeled," said Loschi.

Defensive standouts included sophomore wing-defender Erica Leber, senior stopper Jess Prence and senior sweeper Maura Daniels.

NDA-Hingham Tournament

SEMIFINAL ROUND

NDA-Hingham 0

Andover 0

The twin powers battled through 80 minutes of regulation locked in a scoreless tie.

The game will go down in the record books as a tie – with both teams earning one point towards MIAA Tournament qualification.

For purposes of the inaugural NDA

tourney, a penalty-kick shootout was held to see which team would advance to the championship game.

The rivals were scheduled to take five shots each, but when NDA scored on its first four opportunities and Andover went 3-for-5 the host team was declared the winner (4-3).

Scoring on their penalty kicks for AHS were Emily Pallotta, Jen Hagopian and Jessica Ragnio.

"Defensively we played very well," said co-head coach Dick Loschi. "Even though we were outshot, 10-4, we did what was needed to stave off the Notre Dame attack. We also had a couple of excellent chances – but the shots went just over the crossbar."

"Notre Dame is big, skilled and aggressive," added Loschi. "Technically they're very sound."

Lady Warriors' junior goalkeeper Becky Cairns played the entire game and made 10 saves. She was credited with her first varsity shutout.

All five Andover defenders played well, Erica Leber and Brittany Weeks on the outside, Jess Prence at stopper, Maura Daniels and junior Chrissy Peracchi at sweeper.

FINAL ROUND

Andover 2

Canton 1

The Lady Warriors spotted Canton a 1-0 lead at 12:35 of the first half, and pulled even 15 minutes later when senior midfielder Katie Lundquist netted her first goal at 27:10.

Emily Pallotta collected the first of her two assists, as her direct kick bounced off to the left where Lundquist deposited the deflection.

"We came into the game a little flat – after the emotion and intensity of the Notre Dame game," said co-head coach Loschi. "The Canton goal woke us up and we dominated the rest of the way. We passed better and picked up the pace in every facet of our play."

Senior stopper Jess Prence pocketed the tiebreaking goal 52 seconds into the final half, when a corner kick by Pallotta deflected off Prence's hip into the net.

Sophomore goalkeeper Camille Fantini, originally slated to play the entire game, came out at the half after she collided with a Canton player and knocked heads.

"She was a bit dizzy and we took her out as a precaution," said Loschi.

Becky Cairns finished up and the pair were required to make just one save each.

Loschi and co-head coach Meghan Lynch cited the defensive play of Brittany Weeks in the midfield, Erica Leber and junior outside fullback Emma Kieckhafer.

"We played soccer at a very high level two days in a row," noted a pleased Loschi.

Andover 4

Chelmsford 0

AHS took control early and never gave the visitors any breathing room on the way to the conference victory under the Lovely Field lights.

"Maybe it was the night air," said Loschi after recording his 291st career win. "It was a high-spirited game. Our passes were crisp and everything we did was smooth."

"We worked a lot on ball movement

in practice after the weekend tournament – and it really paid off."

Emily Pallotta's third goal in four games was a direct kick at 11:03 of the first half.

Jen Hagopian made it 2-0 less than six minutes later (16:46), notching her third goal by tapping in a left-wing crossing pass from Rikki Sartor.

Junior midfielder Becky Johnson closed out the first-half scoring at 25:09, converting the rebound of a Rachel Fox shot from the right wing side that deflected off Lions' goalkeeper Hannah Moriarty (eight saves).

Sartor produced the only goal of the second half at 33:28, firing a low shot after Pallotta sent her away with a long-ball pass over the Chelmsford defense.

Keepers Becky Cairns (five saves) and Camille Fantini (three saves) shared the Lady Warriors' second shutout in four games.

Also playing well for the locals, who held a 12-8 shooting advantage, were midfielders Jessica Ragnio and Sarah LoMedico.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Andover High varsity field hockey team, which has dominated the Merrimack Valley Conference the past four years while losing only one regular season game each season, escaped a stern first-game test when it battled visiting Chelmsford to a 2-2 tie.

The Lady Warriors then returned to their familiar winning ways with Tuesday afternoon's 4-0 home victory over Tyngsboro.

Both games were played in sweltering heat that tested the conditioning of all players.

Schedule

Andover plays at Haverhill this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m., and caps a three-game week tomorrow afternoon by hosting Gloucester (beat Lowell 4-2) in a non-leaguer (4 p.m.).

Andover 2
Chelmsford 2

Junior Toby Maltz scored off a corner with less than nine minutes left in the game, tying the score for the second time as host AHS notched a hard-earned point in a rugged season opener between perennial MVC powers.

"It was a tough first opponent – but playing Chelmsford right away gave us a chance to sort things out early. We saw what we have and what needs improving," said Lady Warriors' head coach Maureen Noone.

"Our timing was off – and we need to be more aggressive and play with more confidence. But the heat (an unseasonable 87 degrees) was a factor for both teams."

Reigning conference champ AHS grabbed a quick 1-0 lead when senior forward Debbie Chang scored on a free hit from outside the circle just 3:54 into the season. Linemate Kerry Haugh picked up the assist.

Chelmsford pulled even at 22:16 when Michelle Perreault converted a pass from Jamie Hadley.

The visiting Lions took their only lead midway through the second half (14:23) as Perreault fed Lauren Forni for the go-ahead goal.

That set the stage for Maltz's equalizer assisted by Chang.

In her varsity debut, AHS senior goaltender Kristin Costagliola made

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ FIELD HOCKEY

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eight saves as the evenly-match rivals both fired 10 shots on goal.

"Whenever either team's defense let down the other took advantage and scored," said Noone. "Kristin was under a lot of pressure and she did an excellent job. She broke up plays and was consistent and poised."

Costagliola is only Andover's third No. 1 goalie in seven years, following highly-successful predecessors Elissa Slovin and Angelica Rotsart.

Coach Noone also lauded the play of senior center-midfielder Casey Salois, junior midfielder-defender Brianna Gross and senior sweeper Lauren Ciampa.

Andover 4
Tyngsboro 0

The locals spread the wealth, scoring two goals in each half with four players finding the net once each.

"It was another hot one – but the weather didn't seem to affect the play too much," said coach Noone.

"Tyngsboro came into the game very, very anxious. They were aggressive, doing a good job defensively and putting us in 'crazy mode' for the first 20 minutes. We had a ton of corners but couldn't get any clean scoring chances. It got a little frustrating."

Debbie Chang notched the break-through goal at 18:42 of the first half, slipping a shot into the left side of the net after a corner play started by Kerry Haugh.

It was Haugh's turn at 26:58 as she connected during a scramble in front, the assist awarded to senior forward Julie Marton.

Junior forward Lindsay Hegarty set up both second-half insurance goals with similar right-wing crossing passes tipped in by Toby Maltz (5:20) and Marton (18:24).

Goalies Kristin Costagliola (45 minutes) and junior McKenzie Trainor (15 minutes) combined for the shutout.



Lindsay Hegarty fights for the ball against a pair of Tyngsboro defenders. AHS won the game, 4-0 – one of three shutouts posted by the varsity Tuesday.

"Casey Salois, who is taking on more of a defensive role this season, did a terrific job in transition play," said Noone.

The coach also lauded the effort of junior defender Brianna Gross, senior midfielder and Capt. Jess Yu and senior forward Haugh.

GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL

Capt. Samantha Kerivan's strong play at the net, highlighted by 24 kills in two matches, powered the Andover High girls volleyball team to a pair of season-opening 3-0 victories over non-league Reading and Merrimack Valley Conference foe Billerica.

A third match, scheduled last Monday against non-league foe Melrose, was postponed after Melrose High students were sent home early because of problems arising from ongoing construction at the school.

The match will be made up later in the season at a date to be determined.

Schedule

AHS hosted Lowell yesterday (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, and returns to the court next Monday afternoon with a non-league match at Lexington (5:30 p.m. varsity).

Andover 3
Reading 0

The host Lady Warriors opened with a lopsided non-league romp at the Dunn Gym, racing past overmatched Reading 25-10, 25-6, 25-22.

"They had a couple of big kids but we still dominated at the net," said AHS head coach George Sullivan. "We played 14 girls and they all contributed."

The Reading bus was late and the Rockets came into the match a little frazzled.

Samantha Kerivan had a huge day offensively for AHS with 14 kills and

21-for-26 hitting. She also went 7-for-8 serving with four aces.

Other top hitters were Capt. Jen Merinder (13-for-15, five kills), Kelly O'Dea (12-for-17, four kills), Sara Kelleher (8-for-9, four kills), Andrea Kurkul (7-for-8, four kills), Heather Arvidson (11-for-13, three kills) and Karen McSweeney (4-for-6, three kills).

Kerry Hill finished 6-for-7 hitting and Caroline O'Malley 6-for-8.

Merinder was the leading server, a perfect 19-for-19 with five aces, while Hill contributed 7-for-7 with five aces.

Kerivan added four aces and 7-for-8, while Ashley Ahern went 7-for-7 with two aces, Allison Navarro 7-for-9 with two aces, and Capt. Kelly O'Dea 8-for-10 with two aces.

Also playing well were senior setter Kasey O'Dea (serving, passing), Meghan Thomann (defense) and sophomore Katie Fionte.

The winners were 59-for-67 serving (88 percent), with 20 aces, and 89-for-111 hitting (80 percent) with 37 kills.

The Andover JVs also rolled to a 2-0 triumph in the prelim, winning 25-5, 25-15 behind the strong play of Shayna Orent (11 aces, 17 good serves), Ariel Kuykendall (9-for-9 serving, three aces), Elise Korte (setting) and Kayla McRoy (setting).

With longtime assistant coach Art Iworsley ailing, Stephanie Brown and volunteer Dave Kuykendall have taken over as junior varsity coaches.

Andover 3
Billerica 0

The locals totally controlled the first and third games, and came from behind in the middle game on the way to a 25-12, 25-23, 25-10 sweep in the night match at BMHS' James Gym.

"We were expecting a closer match, but once again everyone played and we really clicked in the third game," said coach Sullivan. "We (all varsity coaches) are still adjusting to the new best-of-5 format – finding out when and how to work the substitutions most effectively."

Senior setter Kasey O'Dea played a big part in the sweep, bringing AHS back from its second-game deficit while finishing 10-for-10 serving with two aces.

"Kasey turned the game around completely," lauded Sullivan.

Samantha Kerivan had another solid all-around performance with 10 kills, one ace, 18-for-21 hitting, 8-for-9 serving and 18-for-27 on defense (pass-receive and digs).

Also strong at the net were Karen McSweeney (6-for-7 hitting, two kills), Andrea Kurkul (4-for-5, one kill), Kelly O'Dea (3-for-3), Jen Merinder (3-for-4), Heather Arvidson (3-for-4), Sara Kelleher (4-for-9), Caroline O'Malley (2-for-2, one kill) and Kerry Hill (2-for-3).

Joining Kasey O'Dea and Kerivan as the serving leaders was Allison Navarro with three aces and 11-for-13. She was also 10-for-13 on defense.

Serving up two aces each were Merinder (10-for-11) and Kelly O'Dea (7-for-8), while Ashley Ahern was 6-for-7, McSweeney 4-for-5, Kurkul 2-for-2 and Katie Fionte 1-for-1.

Merinder finished 20-for-24 on defense, Kelly O'Dea 7-for-12, McSweeney and Ahern both 4-for-6, Meghan Thomann 3-for-3 and Kurkul 2-for-3.

As a team, Andover produced 14 kills, 10 aces and was successful on 89.4 percent of its serves, 78 percent of its

hits and 71 percent of its defensive plays.

The AHS JV-A squad won its prelim, 2-1, with game scores of 25-6, 16-25 and 15-7.

Leading the way were Annie Tibbitts (one kill, hitting), Shayna Orent (seven hits, two kills), Annalise Mesler (nine hits, three kills), Elise Korte (nine serves, one ace, setting), Kyla McRoy (serving) and Kim Crawford (defense).

The JV-B crew won its first match, blanking Billerica 2-0 by 25-14 and 25-7 scores.

Top players included Ariel Kuykendall (blocking), Emily Hsieh (block-

ing), Lauren Kirwin (setting), Daria Tchessalova (hitting) and Rebecca Johnson (hitting).

GOLF

The Andover High golf team launched the 2005 fall sports season, winning three of its first four matches during a busy opening week.

After dropping a 12-8 decision to host Haverhill in a Merrimack Valley Conference match at Haverhill Country Club, the Golden Warriors bounced back with rapid-fire wins over Dismal 18-2, Chelmsford, 16.5 to 3.5, and stubborn Methuen, 11.5 to 8.5, on consecutive days.

AHS FOOTBALL

■ OVERTIME LOSS

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in the second half and overtime.

NA's Andrew Foote, whose father was a standout player for Andover several decades ago, scored on a 15 yard run and Connelly added the point to tie it 14-14 in the fourth quarter.

Mike Pierce kept the Golden Warriors' hopes alive with a dramatic block of a field goal try in the closing seconds of regulation.

OT frustration

In overtime, the Scarlet Knights got the ball first at the AHS 10 and scored on third down, a two-yard run by Joshua Iovannella.

When North Andover's two-point conversion pass fell incomplete it left an opening for AHS – but the locals were unable to capitalize.

A sack, incomplete pass and short pass completion brought about a fourth-down play from the NA 10.

White scrambled and hit a zig-zagging Farnham in the end zone for the apparent game-tying TD – but elation turned to deflation as the officials ruled the QB was over the line of scrimmage when he released the ball.

Since that infraction also carries a loss of down – the game ended on a very frustrating note for the Golden Warriors.

Stats & Stuff

In addition to his TD, Masse had 42

yards rushing on 14 carries and caught two passes for 19 yards.

Sophomore P.J. Farnham snagged one pass for a 37 yard gain and Adam Cuomo had one catch for 19 yards.

White threw for 220 yards and led AHS rushers with 45 yards on 11 carries.

Defensively, Capt. Dan Vining recovered a fumble and participated in a team-high 12 tackles.

Jeff Martin made 10 stops, Jake Stamas nine and contributing six tackles each were Farnham, White and Pierce.

Junior lineman J.B. Israel made five stops and had Andover's lone sack.

L-S tomorrow

Andover returns to action tomorrow night (Friday) on the road with another non-leaguer at Lincoln-Sudbury (7 p.m.).

The two teams met on the football field for the first time last fall, with Andover rolling to a 34-8 win over the usually-strong Dual County League member.

L-S enters with a 1-0 record after whitewashing host Rockland, 16-0, in its non-league opener last weekend.

Running back Mark Hogan scored twice for the L-S Warriors to lead the attack, on a 32 yard pass from QB Zach Norley in the second quarter and a six-yard run in the fourth.

Placekicker Matt Rice also booted a 27 yard field goal and two PATs.

AHS PREVIEWS

■ CROSS COUNTRY

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more than 40 candidates have been slow to emerge, senior Will Galebach has looked good.

Shaw and Galebach come from good stock – older brothers Phil and Tim among the best cross country runners in the history of the sport at AHS.

"The MVC is a very strong conference with an earned reputation," said Clark-Warne. "There are a number of powerful teams – ones that do very well every year at the bigger invitational meets, division meets and at states."

"We should do OK – but it's really tough to beat the big powers like Methuen, Lowell and Chelmsford that crank out state title contenders every year."

"We're fairly well-balanced and we'll hold our own against most teams," said Clark-Warne. "Hopefully we can run in a tightly-bunched pack with the boys, too."

"The younger kids still have to prove themselves – but again we're hoping to surprise some teams and equal or better last year's record."

The boys also opened with Chelmsford yesterday and run against Haverhill next Wednesday.

Jaclyn Sweeney is now attending a southern golf school in the Hilton Head area of The Carolinas.

Sweeney, one of the few girls playing on a boys team in Massachusetts last fall, alternated between the No. 2 and 3 spot for the Warriors.

At her new school, Sweeney spends four days taking all the usual high school courses and the rest of the time on the links practicing her passion.

Heading the list of returners is last year's No. 1, junior Colin Brennan, along with senior Mike Shea who opens the season in the No. 2 slot.

Other veterans are senior Capt. Eric Latsey, juniors Kevin Calabro and James Gaffney, senior Luke Bruno and senior James Conway.

A welcome addition is junior Dave Douvadjian, a transfer from 2004 MVC champ Central Catholic.

Because the Raiders were so deep and powerful last year, Douvadjian only appeared in a handful of matches as a sophomore.

This year's AHS sophomores are David Boudreau and Matt Perry, while the freshman quartet of Sean Burke, Eric Hooker, Brendan Mahoney and

Armando McLaughlin complete the 14-player squad.

McLaughlin was added to the team this past Monday, winning a special playoff for the final spot by five strokes over three other hopefuls.

Kwajewski sports a 23-12-1 won-lost-tied record over two seasons and the opening four matches this fall.

The Amherst, N.H. resident previously coached golf and freshman basketball at Milford, N.H. High.

He works in the Amherst Country Club pro shop summers, giving golf lessons, and is a longtime computer education teacher in the Andover school system (most recently West Junior High).

Andover will send three golfers to the MVC Individual Championships at Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro on Oct. 20.

The Division 1 North Sectional Tournament (for any team that finishes with a .500 or better regular season record) is Oct. 17 at Far Corner GC in Boxford.

The Division State Tournament is Oct. 24 at Beverly Golf & Tennis Club.

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GOLF

Despite the graduation of three starters, and the transfer of two others to different schools, Andover High third-year golf coach Ken Kwajewski feels his 2005 squad is stronger than the one that finished 11-4-1 last year before placing seventh in the Division 1 North Sectional Tournament.

And he's sticking to his guns as the locals posted a 3-1 record during a busy first week, defeating Dracut, Chelmsford and Methuen after a 12-8 loss to Haverhill in the season opener.

"We definitely expect to qualify for the Sectionals again and challenge for the (Merrimack Valley) Conference title," said Kwajewski. "We missed advancing to the State Tournament by four strokes last year – and I'm confident we can place better in the Sectionals and get back to the States this time around."

"The opener against Haverhill was disappointing – but we played a strong team on a tough course."

Home course advantages are notorious in high school golf. Just ask Andover's opponents – who have won just once in 18 matches at Indian Ridge Country Club the past three years.

"Four matches during the first week of school," said Kwajewski. "That's a tough way to start."

Golf teams are at the mercy of the courses – with match dates constantly changed according to the availability of the clubs.

Andover has been nearly invincible at IRCC over the years, including the aforementioned 17-1 record in Kwajewski's tenure (8-0 in 2003, 7-1 last year and 2-0 this fall).

The three AHS graduates were Zach Gostanian, Brian Retelle and Jon Yost.

In addition, senior Jon Derby transferred to prep school and sophomore

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, September 15



Roland Merullo

Author reading and book signing. Roland Merullo reads from his new book *A Little Love Story*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Cub Scout recruitment. Cub Scout Pack 73 invites all fifth-grade boys to attend a recruitment event, 7-8 p.m., Bancroft School cafeteria, Bancroft Road; Catherine Beaumont, 684-5019, or Jason Pryde, 978-749-4827. [See page 19.]

Football fundraiser, sponsored by Friends of Andover Football, to benefit remodeling of the locker room and concession stand at Lovely Field at Andover High, 6-9 p.m., The Chateau, 131 River Road; Barry Finegold 800-923-1729.

Institution of new minister, the Parish of Christ Church will install the Rev. Jeffrey Shilling Gill as the 14th rector of the church, 7 p.m., 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Film series begins, sponsored by the English department at UMass Lowell in conjunction with its college writing course; the Thursday night film series, which is free and open to the public, opens with *Waging a Living*, 7 p.m., in Room 222 of the O'Leary Library, 61 Wilder St., Lowell; to view the series schedule, visit the UMass Lowell calendar Web site at www.uml.edu/calendar.

Travelogue, Julian Rich, president and CEO of Penacook Place in Haverhill, will present a slide show of images brought back from China, where Rich and his wife and younger son traveled last winter, 2 p.m., in the library conference room on the Haverhill campus of Northern Essex Community College, free and open to the public, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; Life Long Learning coordinator Charlene Boucher 978-5576-3825 or cboucher@nec.edu.

Gallery 181. Cotton Weaving House, 181 Canal St., Lawrence; opening reception, 5-8 p.m., for new show on display through Sept. 30: *Dry Liquid*, featuring works by Noredin Morgan, John Tavano and

Jim Primmer; Jim 978-688-4544. Live music, the Rob English Trio performs, 7-10 p.m., no cover charge, Powow River Grille, 33 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-2300.

Friday, September 16

Historical Society book sale, annual used book and vinyl sale to benefit the educational programs of the Andover Historical Society; dealer preview 7-10 a.m., \$15 fee; open sale with no admission fee, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m., 97 Main St.; donations accepted on the back porch of the Blanchard House at 97 Main St. through Thursday, Sept. 15 (no magazines, computer manuals or college textbooks); 978-475-2236.

Church concert, *Glorious Sounds*, an organ and brass concert, led by music minister Barbara Bruns, followed by a reception, 7:30 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Dance for Katrina victims, the Weber Foundation of Helping Hands Inc. and Guardian Angel Barbara Quish are hosting a "Dance to Remember" to support the Katrina Disaster Relief Fund, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$33 per person includes food and entertainment by DJ Stevie Ray; featuring the raffle of a 7-night cruise to the winner's choice of Mexico, Alaska or the Caribbean, tickets \$50 and winner must be present to win; Wyndham Hotel & Resorts; Barbara Quish 603-437-8073.

Shakespeare on the lawn, when the summer theater at Salem State College presents the Bard's *Taming of the Shrew* on the lawn in front of the Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus of Northern Essex Community College, 4 p.m., free and open to the public, with free refreshments; show will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather; Jim Murphy 978-556-3374.

Benefit concert for Katrina victims, rehearsals for "Voices of Hope - a Benefit Concert" will be held on this and two more evenings (Wednesday Sept. 21 and Friday, Sept. 23), 7-9 p.m., First Congregational Church, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen; performance Sunday, Sept. 25; 978-658-0192 or www.nrtwine.com.

Comedy club, featuring Jim Lauletta, Steve Donovan and Jack Burns, Continued on page 18



Fozia Vasowalla is the latest artist from town selected for the Contemporary Andover Artist series hosted by the Andover Historical Society.

Below is her *Blue and Gold*, a colorful parrot. ▼

Where geometry meets nature: Cutting out an exhibit

A Cut Above

Cut paper creations by Fozia Vasowalla

- ▶ Reception, demonstration
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Vasowalla's popular paper creations mix colorful flowers and geometric shapes. The one above was used on the invitations to tonight's reception for the artist.

By Judy Wakefield

GROWING UP IN INDIA, Andover artist Fozia Vasowalla always preferred a classroom window seat so she could watch the snails outdoors or get a glimpse of another creature and its natural surroundings.

"We get a lot of monsoons in India, so there was always something to look at outside," she recalled.

Her mom still likes to remind her of the comments written by her kindergarten teacher, saying the young Fozia spent too much time gazing out the window instead of focusing

on what was happening inside the classroom.

Mom and daughter still giggle about those comments as observing nature is now the basis of Fozia's livelihood.

She is the latest artist from town selected for the Contemporary Andover Artist series hosted by the Andover Historical Society.

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The 31st annual Art in the Park, sponsored by the Andovers Artists Guild, will be held Saturday in the Park at the corner of Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

31st annual Art in the Park is Saturday

Artists setting up in the Park

LOCAL AWARD-WINNING ARTISTS Paula Gronquist, Jim Primmer, Bob Friedenson, Janet Hamlin, Carol Boileau, Wilda Gerideau Squires, Elaine Meisinger, Dianne DeLucia, Kristina Trott, Renne Diana Sanft, Matthew D. Gold, John Rocca and Sheila Corbitt have been accepted into the annual Art in the Park show presented by the Andovers Artists Guild and the Town of Andover, next Saturday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Park, corner of Chestnut and Bartlet streets. The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 18.

There will be more than 100 artists from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. They will exhibit a variety of fine art, graphics and photography. All will vie for prizes and ribbons in the categories of Best in Show, Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastel, Photography and Mixed Media.

The judges for the event are Elizabeth DaCosta Ahern, John Gentile and E. Linda Poras.

Music will be provided by DJ Skot Pare for the 12th year in a row.

Food concession service will be hosted by ABC (A Better

Chance), a non-profit educational program. ABC will sell coffee, doughnuts, soft drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers and other food.

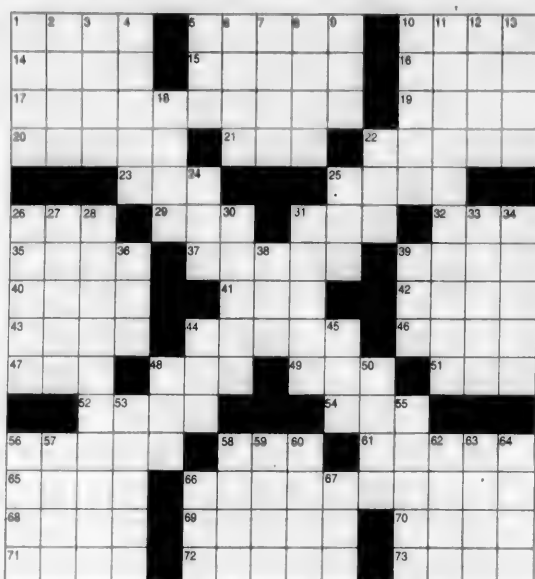
Proceeds benefit the Guild's scholarship program, which awards scholarships to Andover, North Andover, Methuen, and Lawrence college-bound "visual art" students.

Admission to the show is free to the public. For more information, send an e-mail to Diane Butler of 2 Chadwick Circle at: diane-butler@comcast.net; or Laurie Lafleur of Hooksett, N.H. at: LauretteL@Juno.com.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Beehive
5. Political plot
10. Make a ringing sound
14. Fish owl
15. Calculating machines
16. Shaft
17. Counted
19. Covering
20. Sprite and Pepsi
21. Causing sorrow
22. First king of Egypt
23. de plume
25. Bullfighting maneuver
26. A nucleotide derived from ATP
29. What part of, abbr.
31. Owned
32. Blame
35. River in South Africa
37. Cockatoo
39. Maori war dance
40. A unit of area
41. A whip
42. About ear
43. Heminglike fish
44. Festivals
46. Greek letter
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
48. Protects from weather
49. Bag
51. Rock rabbit, for one
52. Apron (two words)
54. Pinna
56. Whittled
58. Buddy



61. Shrub
65. Continent
66. A way to turn
68. Type of weapon
69. An edict of the Russian tsar
70. Asian country
71. Greek letters
72. Hermann __, author of "Siddhartha"

73. __ Carvey, comedian

CLUES DOWN

1. Part of a presentation
2. Casino game
3. Hebrew calendar month
4. North American Indian
5. Vehicle
6. Fabrics
7. City in Equatorial Guinea
8. Breezed through
9. Protects from weather
10. Tempos
11. Freed
12. Wings
13. Permits
18. Employee plan
22. Angry
24. Measurement, abbr.
25. Exclamation that denotes disgust
26. Stop! (nautical)
27. Russian country house
28. Capital of Suriname
30. Music term
31. In a way, feels distaste for
33. Working dog
34. Gnawing animals
36. Directed
38. Skeletal muscle
39. A hard steel cutting tool used to cut gears
44. Unbelievable, slang
45. Car mechanics group
48. Concealed
50. Container
53. Glows
55. True frog
56. Join
57. Scholom __, Yiddish author
58. Intrude
59. Portuguese nurses
60. A decline in activity
62. Monetary unit of Turkey
63. Call to prayer
64. Singer, __ Home
66. Expression of bafflement
67. Command right

SOLUTION ON PAGE 21

EVENTS CALENDAR

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9 p.m., \$15 cover charge, Dick Doherty's Beantown Comedy Escape, Doubletree River Front Hotel, 50 Warren St., Lowell; for tickets and reservations 800-401-2221.

National Constitution Day, established as Sept. 17 in 2004 by President Bush, will be observed at all federally funded institutions, including Northern Essex Community College, which will display documents and books related to the Constitution of the United States at the Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus for the week leading up to a videocast on Sept. 16 featuring Supreme Court justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Stephen Breyer, noon to 1 p.m., free and open to the public, and viewable at both the Haverhill and Lawrence campuses; 978-556-3731.

Saturday, September 17

Yard sale fundraiser, giant multi-family sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

Parish leadership training, led by the Rev. Steve Bonsey of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Wild Oats Birthday Bash, the Wild

Oats Natural Marketplace is holding a "festive grilling event" to celebrate the company's 18th year in business; gourmet burgers, fresh summer salads, and birthday cake will be served; entertainment includes DJ music, a clown, face painting, balloon animals, popcorn and trivia contests; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., \$10 per plate, \$5 for children 12 and under, with proceeds going to Friends of Memorial Hall Library; Cara 978-749-6664.

Face reading, the ancient art of physiognomy that Rose Rosetree claims will empower those who take the Power of Face-reading Workshop, 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$100, Circles of Wisdom; 978-474-8010 or visit the Web site www.circlesofwisdom.com.

Crisis Center fundraiser, support the work of the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (formerly the Women's Crisis Center), founded in 1982 to aid victims of domestic violence, while enjoying an evening of fine wine, gourmet appetizers and classical music, being hosted at the Forest House, the West Newbury home of Jacalyn Bennett, 4-8 p.m., \$125 per person (\$75 is tax-deductible); for information and tickets, call Ray Denis 978-978-475-0529.

Audition for Misery, noon to 2 p.m., director Jim Manclark is casting the two lead roles, one male and one female, for the Stephen King thriller, which will be performed Nov. 3-27 by the Amesbury Playhouse; for audition information or tickets, call 978-388-9444.

Frankenbike rodeo, all handmade, unique bicycles, including art bikes, modified bikes and "tricked-out mutant bikes," are eligible to compete in this bike design challenge that will educate participants and others about bike building and modification as well as safety tips, 1-3 p.m., UMass Lowell South Quad, parking in the Broadway and Wilder Street lots; information at Web site www.mos.org/frankenbikes. **CANCELLED**.

Annual Walk for Huntington's, Huntington's disease is a fatal neurodegenerative disease affecting some 10,000 people in Massachusetts alone, walkers can register at 9 a.m. at Heritage State Park in Lowell, and start the walk at 10 a.m., face painting for children, a DJ for music, raffle prizes and refreshments; for information and to obtain a pledge sheet, call Suzanne Imbroglio 978-454-5644.

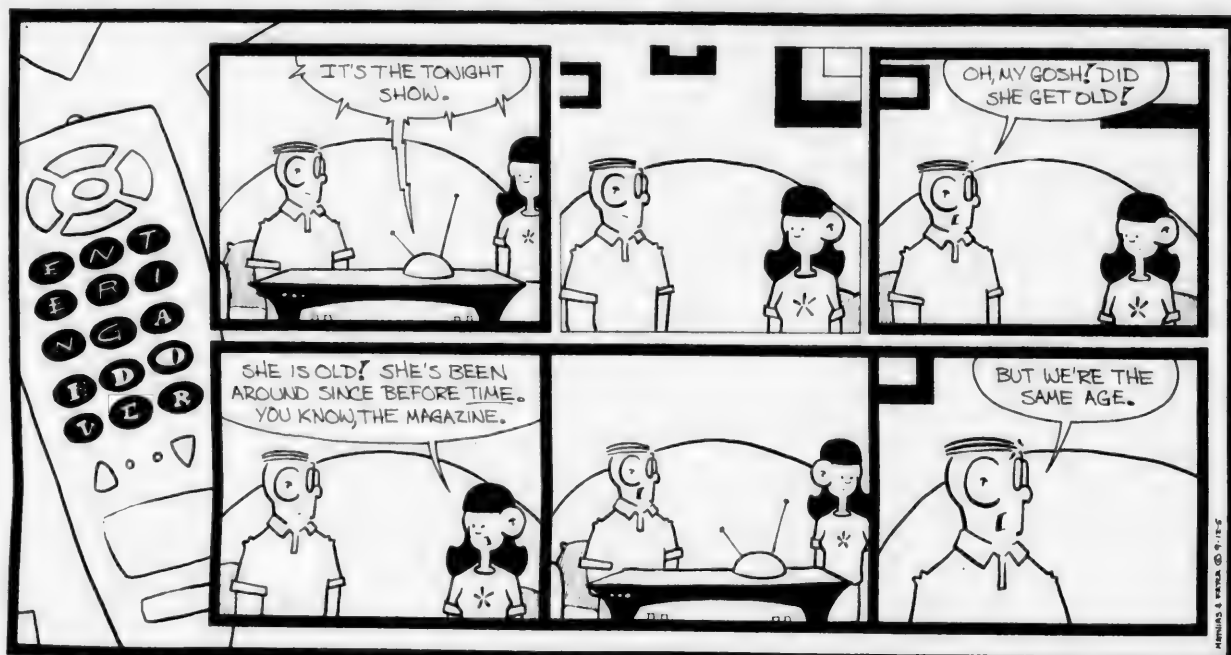
Comedy Club, 9 p.m., see entry, Friday, Sept. 16.

Book sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry, Friday, Sept. 16.

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Sunday, September 18

Church festival, a "celebration of life at Christ Church," 7 p.m., 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Book sale, annual used book and vinyl sale of the Andover Historical Society continues on the basis of \$2 per bag of books and records, 5-30 a.m. through 4 p.m., 97 Main St., 978-470-0869.

Merrimack College concert, the William J. Wynn Memorial Concert, one of a series featuring student musicians and their mentors, including the college's Concert Choir, its music ministry and various student soloists, 2 p.m., \$30, with proceeds supporting student music activities at the college, Rogers Center for the Arts on the Merrimack College campus, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Run for Elders, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley sponsors its 16th annual walk and 5K run to raise money for in-home and emergency services for elders, with Andover Council on Aging sharing the proceeds of the fundraiser; entry fee is \$10, with first 150 walkers who raise \$50 or more getting a

free T-shirt; entertainment, food, raffles, prizes and more for the whole family, walk begins at 9:45 a.m., starting and ending at Elder Services, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, rain or shine; 1-800-892-0890, Ext. 347.

Nutcracker auditions, the New England Civic Ballet will cast all the roles for its 10th annual production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* ballet based on the following auditions at the company's studios at 274 South Broadway, Lawrence: 10 a.m. for ages 7 to 10, 11:45 a.m. for ages 11 to 15, 1:30 p.m. for ages 16 and older; dancers should arrive early to allow time for warmup and registration; proper dress is required; no audition fee is charged; mandatory rehearsals during weekends begin Sept. 24; for information, particularly details of auditions (e.g., portion on pointe), call 978-975-0289.

Artist reception, the Newburyport Arts Association presents the photography of Andover native James Carew, on display in the Laura Coombs Gallery Sept. 18-21, reception 2-5 p.m., regular hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., Sunday; 65 Water St., Newburyport;



The Andover Choral Society announced the beginning of the 2006 concert season. ACS is seeking new members for its 76th season. This season's concerts, to be presented at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, will feature "A Beethoven Festival" to be performed on Jan. 22 and, on May 7, "The Wide World Over," a festival of folk melodies spanning the globe. Both will serve as a prelude to one of its most ambitious projects: a 100-voice chorus performing Verdi's "Requiem" in January 2007. While no audition of new members is necessary, regular attendance and commitment are required. Rehearsals will begin at 7:20 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 at Christ Church, Central Street. For further information, call 978-687-8225.

James Carew 978-828-7442.

Monday, September 19

Call for choristers, the Andover Choral Society, "renowned for the beauty, clarity and expressive qualities of its performances," invites new members to begin rehearsals for its 76th season, 7:20 p.m.,

Christ Church, Central Street; concerts will be performed at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts in January and May; while no audition is necessary, regular attendance and commitment are required; 978-687-8225.

"Look Good, Feel Better," seminar sponsored by the Greater Lawrence unit of the American Cancer Society, teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment, participants receive a free makeup kit, noon-2 p.m., free but registration is required, Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen; Gail Palermo 978-687-0156, ext. 2021.

Work out against cancer, work out for free all day at Shapes for Women in Chelmsford when a pledge or donation is made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, made famous by its founder, entertainer Danny Thomas, prizes for funniest hat and most money pledged, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Shapes, 83 Parkhurst Road, Chelmsford; 978-937-7427.

Live music, the Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, featuring Mark Carlsen on bass and Jack Senior on keyboard, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Su Chang, 373 Lowell St., Peabody; 978-283-6342.

Tuesday, September 20

Baseball legend, speaker Ed Rice, author of *Baseball's First Indian*, Louis Sockalexis: Penobscot Indian, Cleveland Indian, will speak, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public, R.S. Peabody Museum, Phillips Academy; for information, call the museum at 978-749-4490, or the author at 207-866-7238, edrice1@adelphia.net.

College choices, area residents who have been considering Northern Essex Community College are invited to attend a one-hour workshop on "Choices," designed to help potential students match their personalities and interests with any of 70 courses of study offered by the school; free, at the Haverhill

campus, 11 a.m. to noon; 978-556-37229.

Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of each month, "Fearless Stitches" workshops over the coming months will introduce various backgrounds threads and stitches that can add variety and depth to stitchers' projects and skills, including a free "starter kit" providing practice opportunities for each lesson, free and open to all ages with an interest in needlework, 7 p.m., free, Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 781-893-0959, or membership@neonflamingo.com.

Art Spiegelman in Salem, Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist Art Spiegelman, whose Holocaust graphic book *Maus* helped "bring comic books out of the toybox," will discuss his most recent work, *In the Shadow of No Towers*, 7 p.m., \$30, members \$25, students with valid ID \$12, reservations required by Sept. 18, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem; 978-745-9500, Ext. 3011.

Live music, award-winning keyboardist, composer and producer Eric Goldberg and his jazz/pop Trio perform, 6-9 p.m., no cover charge, Powow River Grille, 33 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-2300.

Wednesday, September 21

Early Jewish settler in America, Joseph L. "Joel" Andrews, a physician, historian, activist and author of an upcoming book titled *Moses and Miriam in America*, will discuss the difficulties and contributions of the early Jewish settlers in America, 3:30-4:30 p.m., free, Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike



Joel Andrews

St. North Andover, 978-847-5429.

Legal issues of elders, Joy Cleary, an attorney specializing in elder law, will speak on "Legal issues of elders," 7 p.m., free, with refreshments, at the Interfaith Council on Education Committee, 5-6 p.m., Free St. Michael Parish Hall, 100 Main St., North Andover; Ann Davis 978-686-0950, Ext. 19.

Thursday, September 22

Live music, the Rob English Trio performs "Pop in the Basement" charge, Powow River Grille, 33 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-2300.

Friday, September 23

Opening reception, fall shows at the Addison Gallery of American Art include a 30-year perspective on Chuck Close prints, and the photographs of Boston-based Oscar Palacio, including photos created in the Merrimack Valley in 2004 when Palacio was the Addison's Edward E. Elson artist in residence, 5-8 p.m., free and open to the public, regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 978-749-4415, www.addisongallery.org.

Bag an elephant, Steve Kaplan, author of *Bag the Elephant! How to Win and Keep Big Customers*, will discuss business-building strategies that work, sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 7:30 a.m.-9:15 a.m., \$20 member, \$25 non-member, Continental breakfast included, at Borders Books, 90 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen; 978-689-4997.

Murder mystery dinner, a murder mystery with dinner and an auction to benefit the Northern Essex Community College Foundation, 6:30-10 p.m., \$65 per person includes the hors d'oeuvres, a family-style dinner, the mystery shown, and an opportunity to participate in both silent and live auctions at DiBurro's of Ward Hill, 887 Boston Road, Haverhill; for information or to reserve a seat, call 978-556-3870.

Comedy club, featuring Paul D'Angelo, Greg Rodrigues and Eric Tynan, 9 p.m., \$15 cover charge, Dick Doherty's Beantown Comedy Escape, Doubletree River Front Hotel, 50 Warren St., Lowell; for tickets and reservations, 800-401-2221.

Saturday, September 24

Church yard sale, furniture, clothing, baby items, sports equipment, toys, household items, collectibles and more, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Church celebration, an Evening of Celebration, featuring dessert, drinks and dancing, 7 p.m. at the Old Town Hall on Main Street, sponsored by the Parish of Christ

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Scouting sign-up schedules set
Andover Cub Scout packs plan fall recruitment meetings

Fall recruiting begins this week for for Cub Scout packs in Andover.

Now 75 years old, Cub Scouts zoom through a fast-paced course of fun physical and mental activities. Organizers emphasize family participation and encourage boys to let their parents join too.

Boys in grades 1 through 5 are eligible to join Cub Scouts.

Andover has several packs that serve the major neighborhoods and schools in town.

Boys may pick one (or maybe two) to visit during the following recruiting open houses, and check out some of activities that their friends and classmates are doing.

Pack 73

Sponsored by: South Church
Meets at: Bancroft School
Recruits from Bancroft Elementary School

Recruiting nights: Sept. 15 and Sept. 22 (which is also the first pack meeting; build and race propeller rockets)

Recruiting location: Bancroft School Cafetorium

Recruiting time: 7-8 p.m. (both nights)

Contact: Catherine Beaumont, recruiting chairwoman, 978-684-5019 or Jason Pryde, 978-749-4827

Pack 75

Sponsored by: Andover Knights of Columbus
Meets at: Andover Knights of

Columbus Hall
Recruits from St. Augustine School

Recruiting: Coming soon. Call Walt Salvi for information
Contact: Walt Salvi, unit commissioner, 978-475-1538

Pack 76

Sponsored by: Andover Sportsmen's Club

Meets at: South School
Recruits from South Elementary School

Recruiting night: Sept. 19
Recruiting location: South School Cafetorium

Recruiting time: New Scouts 6:30-7:15 p.m., Returning Scouts 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Contact: Cate Kaluzny, committee chairwoman, 978-749-0605. To register or for more information, contact Donna or Leo Lynch, 978-475-4767; or by e-mail at leolynch@comcast.com.

Pack 77

Sponsored by: West Parish Church

Meets at: West Parish Church
Recruits from West Elementary School

Recruiting night: Sept. 19
Recruiting location: West Elem Cafeteria

Recruiting time: 6:30-8 p.m.
Contact: Dan Jacavano, Cubmaster, 978-409-1990

Pack 79

Sponsored by: St. Robert Bel-larmine Church

Meets at: St. Robert Bel-larmine Church
Recruits from High Plain Elementary School

Recruiting night: Sept. 15
Recruiting location: High Plain Elementary Cafeteria

Recruiting time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Contact: Kevin Roselle, Cubmaster, 978-688-5682

Pack 100

Sponsored by: Friends of Pack 100

Meets at: Sanborn Elementary School
Recruits from Sanborn Elementary School

Recruiting night: Sept. 19
Recruiting location: Sanborn School teachers lounge

Recruiting time: 7-8 p.m.
Contact: Doug Daskocil, Cubmaster, 978-409-1036

Shawsheen School
Cub Scouts

Shawsheen School Cub Scouts come from neighborhoods all over Andover. They may join the pack that serves the school district they live in, or team up with classmates and choose a pack to join together, organizers said.

► For more information, call Reid Simpson, unit commissioner, North Essex District, Yankee Clipper Council, at 978-475-1973.

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Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Andover Chamber Music Series season begins, with "Postcards from Vienna," featuring three centuries of music from Vienna selected by artistic director and flutist Julia Skolnick, including Beethoven, Toch, Kreisler, Webern and Schubert, 7:30 p.m., \$30 and \$25 tickets; at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on the Merrimack College campus, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-474-6222.

Family night at the movies, monthly event sponsored by the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation in Andover, featuring *The Love Bug* and a kid-friendly potluck supper, dinner at 5 p.m., movie at 6 p.m., admission and popcorn are free, chairs and cushions available, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

4-H Fallfest, archery, orienteering, pistol shooting, stick horse polo, friendship sundaes, at Northeast Region 4H Fallfest, open to all boys and girls ages 5-19, Berry Pond, Harold Parker State Forest, Andover; Diane McGary 978-686-5189.

Evening campfire event, Harold

Parker State Forest will hold a "Pond by Twilight & Firelight" program at Berry Pond, as part of its participation in the Essex National Heritage Commission's "Trails & Sails" event that annually highlights historic and recreational sites through Essex County, 6:30-8 p.m., free; for information, call 978-686-3391. See associated event on Sunday, Sept. 25.

Mothers of Multiples fall sale, Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples offers gently used children's equipment, toys, clothes, books and more, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$1 admission, children under 14 free, cash only sale, Central Congregational Church, Chelmsford; 978-256-8594.

Stone Zoo Wild Affair, on the zoo's hundredth anniversary, a unique tasting event featuring food from area restaurants such as Legal Seafoods, J.J. Grimsby's, Gaetano's and others, to raise money for Zoo New England's conservation, education and recreation mission, 5:30-9:30 p.m., \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door; Tricia Fagan Griffiths 617-989-2693.

Flea Market, to benefit the music programs at Belleville Congregational Church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free, space rental \$25, table rental \$10,

hot dogs, sandwiches, soda and baked goods on sale, 300 High St., Newburyport; 978-388-1117.

Sunday, September 25

Shawsheen walking tour, one of 160 free events around Essex County sponsored this weekend by the Essex National Heritage Commission's Trails and Sails 2005 event, the Andover Historical Society's walking tour of one of Andover's most historical neighborhoods begins at 2 p.m. in the Brickstone parking lot off York Street, and continues for an easy two-hour jaunt over paved terrain; also included is a scavenger hunt to entertain the younger walkers; 978-475-2236.

Living with Wildlife, an educational program presented by biologist Colleen Olsenbuttel of the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife, at Berry Pond in Harold Parker State Forest, part of its participation in the Essex National Heritage Commission's "Trails & Sails" event, 1-2 p.m., free; for information, call 978-686-3391.

Memory Walk for Alzheimer's, a three-mile walk and a mile-and-a-half walk that both begin and end at Boarding House Park in Lowell;

registration starts at 8:30 a.m., walks start at 9:30 a.m., live entertainment provided by *Music by Dave*; all funds raised by Memory Walk stay in the community to fund research and to provide care and support for individuals and families touched by Alzheimer's; Sara Efsthathiou 978-475-4225.

Pops concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, sixth annual pops concert, a great way to introduce young people to orchestral music, 2:30 p.m., \$15 advance tickets, \$10 student and senior advance tickets, at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on the Merrimack College campus, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; box office 978-837-5355 or visit www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Ongoing

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration*, through Dec. 2; *Unfamiliar Territory*, the photography of Oscar Palacio, through Dec. 31; regular gallery hours beginning in September are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through Oct. 9, "Overviews" an exhibition of landscapes, oil paintings by Philip Koch; artist's reception Saturday, Sept. 10, 6-9 p.m.; gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Arthur Griffin Museum of Photography, Tuesday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m., \$5 admission, \$2 seniors, members and children under 12 free, Thursday admission is free all day, 67 Shore Road, Winchester; 781-729-1158, www.griffinmuseum.org.

Brush Art Gallery, the Annual Resident Artists' Exhibition, including the work of two Andover residents, Carol Boileau and Betsy Wish, free and open to the public, exhibit on display through Sept. 11, regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery and Studio, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819 or visit the Web site www.thebrush.org.

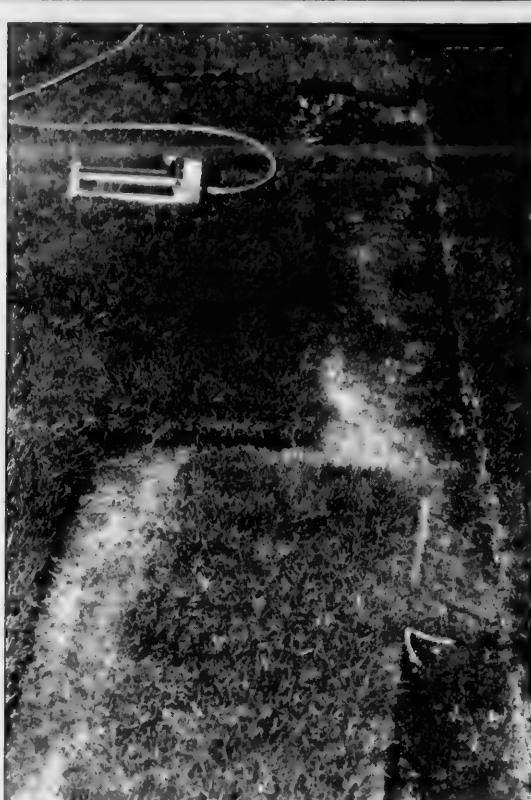


PHOTO BY OSCAR PALACIO

Wandering city streets and sidewalks, Boston-based photographer Oscar Palacio creates haunting images of the familiar yet often unseen. An exhibition of his photographs entitled *Unfamiliar Territory* is on display at the Addison Gallery of American Art, through Dec. 31. The exhibition includes photographs created in the Merrimack Valley in 2004 during Palacio's time as the Addison's Edward E. Elson artist-in-residence. Above is his *Grass over Asphalt*, 2002, 19x23 1/2 inches, courtesy Howard Yezerski Gallery, Boston. Also on exhibit at the Addison is *Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration*, the first comprehensive survey of Close's work with the varied forms and processes of print making, through Dec. 2. Both Palacio and Close are scheduled to attend an opening reception next Friday, Sept. 23.

COOL Gallery, exhibit hours Tues. and Thurs. 1-5 p.m., COOL Gallery, 338 Market St., Lowell; Cultural Organization of Lowell 978-446-7162

Gallery 181, Cotton Weaving House, 181 Canal St., Lawrence; Sept. 1-30: *Dry Liquid*, featuring works by Noredin Morgan, John Tavano and Jim Primmer, with an opening reception Sept. 15, 5-8 p.m.; Jim 978-688-4544.

Robert Lehman Art Center at Brooks School, gallery hours Tuesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-noon, Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m., 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 978-725-6232.

Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

Essex Art Center, Sept. 16 through Oct. 21, with a reception planned for October 30; in the Main Gallery, "Musical Paintings" by Linda Feinberg of Andover; in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, "Portraits Painted" by Amber Davis Tourlentes of Boston, a recent recipient of the Mass. Cultural Council's Award in Painting;

gallery hours Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

Memorial Hall Library, featuring a traveling exhibit of handmade artist books created by 10 area artists as a collaborative project; participating artists include Laura Gawlinski of Andover, whose book theme was "A Love Letter to Mother Nature"; artist of the month is Joe Schatz, a serious amateur photographer for more than 40 years, whose exhibit, titled "American Landscapes," runs through the end of September, featuring photographs of New England, the Yellowstone, Southwest Arches and Canyonland National Parks, and Monument Valley; library hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; Norma Gammon 978-623-8401, www.mhl.org.

McQuade Gallery, located in the McQuade Library at Merrimack College, gallery hours same as

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The joys of cut paper

■ FOZIA VASOWALLA
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Her colorful and unique framed paper creations have been hanging at the Historical Society for several weeks.

Tonight, Thursday, Sept. 15, Vasowalla will discuss her craft and demonstrate how she selects colors and cuts to create her works.

There are no snails in her artwork, but other colorful nature scenes, such as ones of flowers and garden vegetables, are captured by this artist. A self-described geometry buff, she also likes geometric patterns, which are an integral part of this exhibit's work. "It's something different from watercolors and oils," she said of her art form, which requires patience. "I've been dabbling in this for awhile. I have always loved color and nature. It brings about joy."

Vasowalla exhibited at Memorial Hall Library last Feb-

ruary, selling several prints for about \$125 each.

Her show at the Historical Society is by no means a copycat show, she said. She cuts every piece of her artwork and rarely draws any of the pieces that she cuts. When a colorful nature scene comes to mind, she cuts away, always starting with color selection. Then, she mats and frames the piece, always in black as it

"makes a nice outline." "There will be some repeats, but I also have new and different pieces," she said of her current exhibit when comparing it to the library show. The repeats include her bestsellers, a colorful standing vegetable collection and the flowers with squares arrangement that was used on the invitation to tonight's reception.

Studio-starved, Vasowalla creates in her Andover apartment but that's OK for now as it

keeps her close to her two young sons.

That's another passion of hers: kids. In fact, she attended interior design school in India and handled many clients who were decorating kids' rooms. She needed to use lots of color in those projects and she loved that, she said.

She later moved to the United States with her husband and studied at Harvard University. There, she earned a bachelor of fine arts degree. The couple settled in Andover a few years ago and their sons attend kindergarten and second grade at West Elementary School.

Vasowalla also has a successful card- and invitation-making business. She designs for different types of businesses and lands accounts through word-of-mouth. A selection of the cards are also on display at the Historical Society.

Colorful, experimental, different, cheerful and bright are some of the adjectives used by those who saw her earlier exhibit at the library and she liked the sound of them.

"Comments have been so positive," she said, adding that creating something that causes joy feels very good.



Daisies, a cut-paper design by Fozia Vasowalla.

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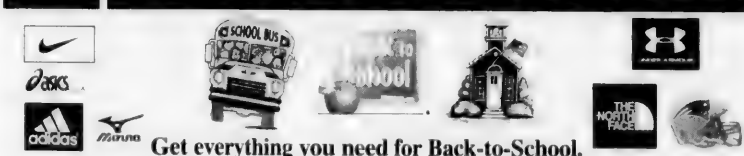
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library hours: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-midnight, call to confirm hours, free admission; 978-837-5000.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and first floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

Lorica Artworks, gallery specializing in original fine art from Ireland and America, featuring the largest collection of original fine art from Ireland in the Boston area, presents a collection of paintings by Irish artists celebrating the regions of Ireland and their intrinsic beauty, including Arthur O'Callaghan's paintings; gallery hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday, as well as by appointment; free admission, handicap access; 90 Main St.; 978-470-1829.

Walsingham Gallery, works by artists J.C. Airolti, Robert Douglas Hunter, Jean Lightman, Elizabeth M. Leary, John Daniel Phillips, Frank Strazzulla Jr., and others;

gallery hours Monday, Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., closed Tuesdays, 47 Merrimack St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411 www.thewalsingham-gallery.com.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 11 a.m.-noon, and by appointment, Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242, Ext. 1319.

Evos Arts Gallery, free, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-441-9906, www.evosarts.com.

Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942, www.flintmemoriallibrary.org.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester; 978-463-8883.

Churchill Gallery, an exhibition of landscapes by award-winning artists Robert Scott Jackson and Dennis Sheehan, gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m., 6 Inn St., Newburyport; 978-462-9891.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

The Saltbox Gallery, gallery hours, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.

Nevins Memorial Hall, 305 Broadway, Methuen; 978-686-4080.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art,



Get ready for some toe-tapping fun with the Valley Players production of the dance comedy **Stepping Out**, opening today, Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre. **Stepping Out** is about a group of gals and a guy of varying ages, shapes and sizes that get together once a week for laughs and friendship while at their weekly tap dance class leading to the big finale... the recital. Performances run through Oct. 9 - Thursdays at 7, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30, and two shows on Sunday, at 1 and 6:30. Reservations are required. The Amesbury Playhouse is located at 194 Main St., Amesbury. For reservations or more information, call 978-388-9444, or visit www.amesburyplayhouse.com.

Fine T-Shirt Art on display through Sept. 29, featuring a survey of wearable art by 40 artists from 14 states, the UK and Canada; the show closes with a reception and auction Thursday, Sept. 29, 4:30-6

p.m.; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery, "Beyond the Class-

room, Clubs, Organizations and Traditions" will be on display through Dec. 22 at Endicott College, 376 Hale St., Beverly; exhibit is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4

p.m.; Barbara Broudo 978-232-2257.

Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, the photography of Andover native James Carew on display, Sept. 18-21, opening reception Sunday, Sept. 18, 2-5 p.m.; regular gallery hours Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m., 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-670-9102, www.newburyportart.org.

Mingo Gallery, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 252 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-5064.

Gelb Gallery at Phillips Academy, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m.; 978-475-4479.

Bravos Arts Gallery, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., One East Main St., Georgetown; 978-352-8102.

Ayer Lotts Art Gallery, a cooperative artist space in Lowell, Thursday, 6-9 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 172 Middle St., Lowell; Mandy Shear 617-335-0240 or ayerlotts.com/exhibits.

River Gallery, Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4 Market St., Ipswich; 978-356-1559.

Revolving Museum, artist-driven museum, dedicated to presenting public art, exhibitions, educational programs, gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787.

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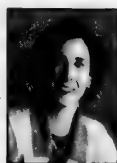
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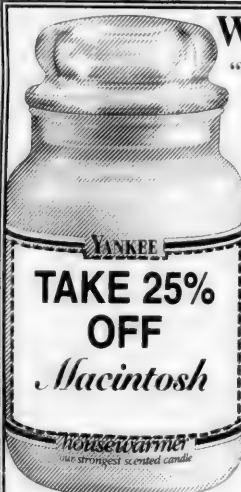
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Redbrick Fine Crafts, on view from Sept. 12 through Oct. 28, the wood-block productions of printmakers Matt Brown and Sandy Wadlington; gallery hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 26 Market St., Ipswich: 978-927-5615.

North Shore Arts Association of Gloucester, featuring sculptures, paintings, 11 Pirate's Lane, Gloucester, regular hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m., includ-

ing holidays; 978-283-1857.

Erlach Gallery, featuring two return exhibitions by acclaimed artists "Wil Barnet: An American Master, Works on Paper, Paintings," and "Conley Harris: New Works: Land and Sea," Sept. 3 through Oct. 5; gallery hours Tuesday through Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m., 96 Washington St., Marblehead; 781-631-1202.

Theater

North Shore Music Theatre, a venue for musical theater on the North Shore, closed by fire on July 25, will present its planned schedule of shows at other venues, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham

Road, Beverly; 978-232-7200 or www.nsmt.org for times, special events and tickets.

Le Grand David Spectacular Magic Company, Sundays 3 p.m., \$18, \$12 children 11 and under, Cabot St. Cinema Theater, 286 Cabot St., Beverly; 978-927-3677.

Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, Stepping Out, performances through Oct. 9, Thursdays at 7 p.m. (buffet at 5 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. (dinner, 7 p.m.) and Sundays at 1 (dinner, noon) and at 6:30 p.m. (dinner, 5 p.m.), reservations required for all performances, \$17 show only, dinner-show combo start at \$30 and go up to \$45, depending on meal choices, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesburyplayhouse.org.

Quannapowitt Players, performing Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* on performance dates, Sept. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1, at 8 p.m., Sunday matinee, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m.; \$16, \$15 seniors and students, QP Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading; 781-942-2212 or www.qptheater.com for information and tickets.

Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; box office 781-279-2200 or www.stonehamtheatre.org.

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society, tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. "A Cut Above," cut paper art by local artist Fozia Vasowalla, part of the Contemporary Andover Artists Series, through October. Opening in October, "Faces from the Past," an exhibit of portraits from the collections of the Andover Historical Society. Museum tours and exhibits open Tuesdays through Saturdays 1-4 p.m., \$5 admission, students and seniors \$3. Research library and archives open Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and by appointment; 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236; www.andhist.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., admission free, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-794-1655.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring world's largest collection of antique printing, typesetting and bindery machines, as well as the world's largest library of printing-related books and documents; in addition, the museum has the extensive printing collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The two 90-foot galleries, library and four floors of archival stacks are all available to the public, \$5

admission, Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St., changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

The Revolving Museum, hours are Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 22 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-937-2787 www.revolvingmuseum.org.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

American Textile History Museum, special exhibits through Sept. 4 include "Batik from Courts and Palaces: the Rudolf Smend Collection" and "Batik Fashion/American Style," featuring special attractions for children, including a walk-in exhibit of a traditional Sumatran home with a water-buffalo-hide roof, dress-up sarong wraps, a fishing game, and hands-on learning with spices, musical instruments and more; "Family Fun," Sundays, 2 p.m. feature hands-on programs, stories, quilt projects and more; alongside the permanent exhibit of textiles, tools, machines, photographs, advertising ephemera, and other artifacts that show how people have used art and science during the past 250 years to create beautiful and useful textiles; more than 500 artifacts from the muse-

um's collections are used in imaginative period settings and gallery displays; ATHM, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; museum hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays; admission \$6 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Peabody Essex Museum, In Nature's Company, featuring works by more than 20 Massachusetts artists who rely on nature for their creative source, through Sept. 18; opening Aug. 6, *All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists*, displaying works by nine contemporary artists who call upon and reinterpret traditions that are thousands of years old; opening Aug. 23, *Exposing the Source: the Paintings of Nalini Malani*, presenting two decades of work by the Pakistani-born artist who was the first Indian artist to have a solo exhibition in the U.S., the 40 works in various media including oil, acrylic, and video, will remain on view as part of the museum's permanent collection; Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass.; 978-755-1876 or 866-745-1876, www.pem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

House of Seven Gables, open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$10 (2 for 1 admission for Essex County residents with proof of residency), 54 Turner St., Salem; 978-744-0991, www.7gables.org.

Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House, tours Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., free, 34

Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

Meetings/Activities

Public skating, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10:30-11:50 a.m., additional Friday 7:30-8:50 p.m., Sundays 1:30-2:50 p.m., \$3 admission, rental skates available, Chelmsford Forum, Brick Kiln Road, North Billerica; 978-670-3700 or fmcarenas.com.

Adult English classes, sponsored by the Asian Center of the Merrimack Valley Inc., 3-month program of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, 9-11 a.m., preschool available for children ages 3 to 5 with parents enrolled in classes; 978-683-7316.

New England Classical Singers, under artistic director David Hodgkins, perform three concerts annually at the Rogers Center for the Arts in North Andover, rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover; 978-475-1468 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

American Legion Andover Post 8, second Wednesday of the month, September to June, 7 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Ted Witman 978-683-9988.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Andover Choral Society, seeks new members for the 2006 season of concerts to be performed at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on Jan. 22 and on May 7; no audition necessary, but regular attendance and commitment are required; rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 19 at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church, Central Street; 978-687-8225.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 603-667-9610.

Andover Tennis Club, for men, women and children, recreational singles, doubles and mixed doubles play at the intermediate level, \$65 family membership, \$40 single membership, Phillips Academy, www.andovertennis.org.

Bel Canto Singers, rehearsals Thursday evening, 7:30-9 p.m., St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex St., North Chelmsford; 978-256-0783.

Business Network International (BNI), Wednesdays, 7-8:30 a.m., Denny's, Route 114, Lawrence; Edna 978-640-8919, or Steve 978-975-1328.

Business Network International, Haverhill Chapter, Fridays 7-8:30 a.m., Best Western Hotel, 401 Lowell Ave., Haverhill, 603-475-3503, www.bni-haverhill.org.

Choral Arts Society, for information and to audition call: Rick Seaman 603-382-5070, or Shelia Kanan 978-373-4990.

Country line dancing, Stompers Country Line Dance Production will have line dancing every Wednesday and Sunday, 7-11 p.m., GuestHouse Inn & Suites, Exit 47,

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Mistral, the ACMS ensemble-in-residence, makes its season debut next weekend with a pair of shows, including Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts.

ACMS delivers some Postcards from Vienna

The Andover Chamber Music Series presents Mistral in *Postcards from Vienna*.

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This concert will feature three centuries of music from Vienna, including Beethoven's *Serenade* for flute, viola, and violin, Tsch's *Divertimento #1* for violin and cello, Kreisler's *Recitativo* and *Scherzo* for solo violin, Weber's single movement *String Quartet* from 1905, and Schubert's *Quintet in C*.

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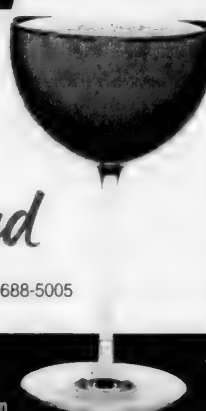
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Danvers Art Association, Weekly programs, Mondays: Massachusetts Title V Septic, public information seminars, 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays: Open Mike, acoustic music night, 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays: Ghost Stories Movies, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays: Sci-Fi movie night, 7:30 p.m.; all programs \$5 per person, telephone reservation required; Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711; Note: no handicapped-accessibility.

Drum and Dance Circle, rhythm instruction and improvisation drumming, meets fourth Friday of the month, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-470-1134.

Embroiderers Guild of America, Merrimack Valley Chapter, dedicated to teaching and preserving needlework as an art form, third Tuesday of the month, September through May, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Congregational Church, Main and East streets, Tewksbury; Rosemary Carter 978-893-0959, mvc-membership@neonflamingo.com.

Exsultet!, a chamber choir, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Holy Trinity United Methodist Church, 16 Sylvan St., Danvers; Richard Larrage 781-329-1741.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Shawsheen

Elementary School, Shawsheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington; 978-658-4022 or 978-658-3480.

Grandparents as Parents Resource Network of Greater Lowell, second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital, Lowell; Rachelle Comtois 978-459-3242.

Learn to line dance, the Knights of Columbus hosts a learn to line dance class every Monday evening, beginners welcome, doors open 6:30 p.m., instruction will start 7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; 1-800-233-4ADJ.

Lowell Opera Company, new members welcome, auditions not required. Rehearsals are held Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6 Bartlett St., Lowell; 978-441-6926, www.operalowell.org.

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Valley Quilters, Artist of the Month, book discussion every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Elm Square, www.mhl.org.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; 978-686-0900 or www.merrimackvalleychamber.com.

Merrimack Valley People for Peace, fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Church, Old North Andover Center; 978-661-9009, www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association, non-profit group meets the first Monday of the

month, October-May, membership is open to new or established private music instructors, activities include lectures, recitals, master classes, and teacher exchange; Jody Bruckman 978-474-1809.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, meets weekly, beginning Sept. 26, a six week spousal support group, "Beginning the Grief Journey" 6-7:30 p.m., St. Michael's Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover; Judy 978-552-4376.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, second and fourth Thursday of month, guests welcome, 7 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, 845 Main St., North Andover; Bill Cashman 978-475-0721.

Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's a cappella group rehearsals Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., special series of voice lessons for all women interested in learning a

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All aboard... for the Quannapowitt Players' season-opening musical, *Anything Goes* by Cole Porter, directed by Jimmy Girgente with musical direction by Mario Cruz. Running weekends through Oct. 1, the musical is set on the *SS American*—a luxury liner heading for England. It is the tale of stowaway and his desperate pursuit of the debutante fiancée of an English aristocrat. Although the plot sets up many moments of high farce, it is Cole Porter's musical score that stands out. Andover residents Barbara Bourgeois and Ben Pascucci (above) are featured cast members aboard the *SS American* docked at the Quannapowitt Playhouse, 55 Hopkins St., Reading, weekends through Oct. 1. For tickets and information, call 781-942-2212, or visit www.qptheater.com.

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We celebrate a new holiday starting this year, but don't plan to be out of school on Constitution Day.

Public schools will celebrate the Constitution each Sept. 17. Students will learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

This year the official observation will be a day early since Sept. 17 falls on Saturday.

Citizens nationwide will recite the Preamble to the Constitution. Bells will ring across the land, starting at the Carillon in Valley Forge, Pa., where George Washington and the Continental Army camped one winter.

The Constitution is the basic design for our government. Delegates from 12 of the 13 states signed it on Sept. 17, 1787.

It had to be ratified by nine states before it became the official law of the land. ("Ratify" means approve.)

The ninth state acted on June 21, 1788. That made the Constitution the supreme law of the nation. The final state approval came on May 29, 1790.

The Constitution divides our government into three branches and outlines their powers.

The legislative branch, known as Congress, makes laws.

The executive branch, headed by the President, runs the day-to-day operations of the nation following the laws passed by Congress.

The judicial branch interprets and applies the laws to resolve disputes. It deals with those accused of violating the laws. It also settles disagreements about the Constitution's

meaning.

The document is divided into seven major parts, called Articles. It contains just 4,543 words—less than a single chapter in a Harry Potter book.

Article I defines the legislative branch. It sets rules for selecting members of the House and Senate and what actions they can and cannot take.

Articles II and III do the same for the executive and judicial branches.

Article IV defines the powers of the states. It requires each state to recognize the laws of the others. It also sets guidelines for admitting new states.

The Constitution has been called a living document because it can evolve (be amended) to meet changing times. Article V describes the amendment process. Like the document itself, amendments must first be approved by Congress. A certain percentage of states must then ratify (confirm) the amendment.

Article VI requires all public officers to uphold the Constitution and bars any religious test for holding office.

Article VII tells how the Constitution will be ratified. The original version at the National Archives also corrects several errors made when the first six articles were written down by scribes.

Next week the Kid will look at amendments to the Constitution

Constitution & Citizenship Day

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

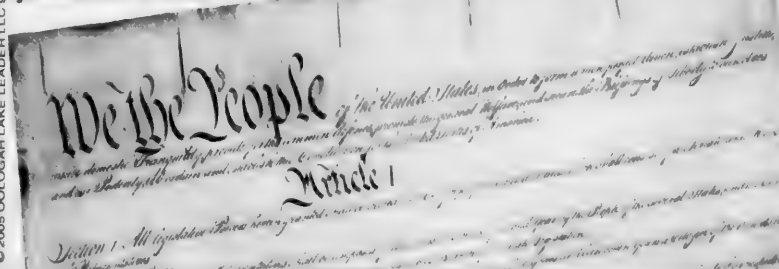
Class activity

Recite the Preamble to the Constitution (above) with your class. Discuss with your teacher what the words mean.

Word search

Find 10 words from the Preamble.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

ONGOING

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cappella harmony, three consecutive Thursdays in September, beginning Sept. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Avenue (Route 62), Wilmington; Kate 978-692-1843 or www.merrimackvalleychorus.com.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori 978-794-1973.

Middlesex Singers, mixed chamber music chorus, rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 2 Westford St., Chelmsford; Pat Moore 978-256-7143.

Mother Connection, a non-profit organization serving mothers and children, offers a newsletter, a play-space for children under 5, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., new moms' coffee, playgroup link-ups, children's parties and adventures, workshops, support groups and more, \$25 for one year. Elizabeth 978-475-5953, or Jen

978-470-0897, or www.themother-connection.org.

Mother Circle, a non-profit group that meets the needs of stay-at-home moms, discuss and hear a range of topics from sibling rivalry to maintaining one's sanity, childcare provided, New England Bible Church; www.nebible.org.

Newburyport Choral Society, rehearses Mondays, 7:30-10 p.m., Central Congregational Church, corner of Pleasant and Titcomb streets, Newburyport; 978-462-0650.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 978-373-1723, or Kevin Brightney 978-465-2215.

Newcomers Club of the Andovers, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover, variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Joanne Rico 978-681-0304 or jnrco@comcast.net, www.newcomerscluboftheandovers.org.

North Parish Quilters, meet the second Wednesday of each month,

September through June, refreshments available, doors open at 6:30 p.m., meetings begin at 7, new members welcome, guest fee \$5, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading; Susan Reichter, 978-475-6973.

North Reading Community Chorale, invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; 978-664-3594.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, seeks experienced choral singers and dancers for the annual holiday musical revue, "Home for the Holidays," rehearsals Tuesdays 7 p.m., at Forest Street Church, Methuen; performances scheduled for Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at the Nevins Library in Methuen; 978-681-0355 or www.nrtwine.com.

North Shore Chorus, Broadway Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Lynn; Cheryl 978-825-9122.

North Shore Youth Symphony Orchestra, rehearses every Monday in the late afternoon/early evening, at Ipswich High School, includes musicians ages 7-18 who perform with either the Youth Sym-

phony intermezzo or prelude string sections of the orchestra; Trudy Larson 978-685-7844 (audition).

The Northshoremens, an all-men's chorus singing 4-part harmony in the Barbershop style, 978-927-7894, www.harmonize.com/northshoremens/index.htm.

Sacred Choral Artists, seeking additional singers (all parts), rehearsals begin in September, Monday nights, Christmas and spring concert, West Congregational Church, Haverhill; Susan 978-681-6672 or www.sacred-choralartists.org.

Single Eight's Square Dance Club, 6 p.m., \$5 donation, First Calvary Baptist Church, Massachusetts Avenue and Route 125, North Andover; Carol 978-851-7876.

Single Life Reading chapter, open to singles over age 21, Andover meetings; Nigel 978-794-4427.

Sons of Norway, Morgensolen 545, meets the second Friday of the month, September-May, Masonic Temple, Beverly; Valerie C. Faxon 978-462-2439.

Social Connection, a singles group for ages 30-60; 800-628-7651.

Square-dancing, teens, couples, and singles, Mondays, Amvets Hall, Primrose Street, Haverhill, 8 p.m.; Jeanne 617-279-4328 or Eddie 774-7266.

Stompers, high-energy country line/couples dancing, beginner line dance fundamentals, first Wednesday of the month, 7-11 p.m., lessons at 7:30 and 9 p.m. Couples dance lesson Fridays at 9 p.m., dancing 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Beginner fundamentals every Thursday, 7-10 p.m.; GuestHouse Inn & Suites, 159 Pelham St., Exit 47 off I-93, Methuen, \$6-\$8; Mike Pelletier 603-898-7976, or Caryn Mercandetti 978-397-8222.

South Asia book discussion group, meets the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Champa Bilwakesh 978-475-3346 or Norma Gammon 978-623-8400.

Tewksbury Interfaith Choir, all voices welcome; 978-851-2809.

Tewksbury Treble Chorus of New England, children ages 7-17, rehearses weekly, call for audition; 978-837-5461.

Treble Chorus of New England, auditions Tuesdays, ages 6-16, Merrimack College, Turnpike Street, North Andover; Anne 978-837-5461.

Turkey Town Trotters Square Dance Club, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, Sutton Street, North Andover; 978-

682-3280 or 978-682-2403.

United Fly Tyers, dedicated to Fly Fishing and teaching people the "Art of Tying Flies," conducting teaching lessons at each monthly meeting from September to May; Knights of Columbus Hall, Burlington; Arthur C. Williams, acwilliams@bigplanet.com.

Yankee Doodle Cloggers, for ages 7-70+, meets Mondays, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading; Claire 978-667-2752.

Support Groups

ADD/ADHD support group, meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Lisa Figliola 978-948-7310.

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Alcoholism - Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5002.

Alcoholism - Alateen, ages 12 and older, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking, 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon, for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street (Route 38), Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Pre-Alateen, meetings for ages 6-12, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Support group meetings, Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network, 70 Butler St., Salem, N.H.; AA, every Saturday 7-8:30 p.m., AA Friendship Line, Derry, N.H.; 603-432-4520.

Amputees support group meeting, second Sunday of the month, 2-3 p.m.; Lorraine Stevens 603-893-2900, Ext. 472.

Arthritis support group meetings, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Jennie Paulette 1-800-639-

2113.

Arthritis support and education group, meets first Wednesday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading; Judy Burgess 781-944-0653, Reading Elder Services 781-942-9056, or Arthritis Foundation 1-800-766-9449.

Bereavement - Heart of Grief Education, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief; group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested; Nancy Thornton 978-374-9257.

Bereavement - Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offers free support groups designed especially for young widow and widowers, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill); 978-552-4376.

Bereavement - Loss of spouse, special support for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, six weeks, beginning June 1, Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., Joslin Conference Room (across from gift shop), Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; Nancy Kidd 978-552-4572.

Bereavement - Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175.

Bereavement - Renew, bereavement support group for adults offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings, 978-459-9343, Ext. 2783.

Bereavement - Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

Bereavement - Samaritans, information night, first Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-0030.

T A M E F A R E



There will be theater on the Northern Essex Community College lawn on Friday, Sept. 16 at 4 p.m. when the Summer Theater at Salem State presents Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* in front of the Bentley Library on the Haverhill campus. Featured in the photo are Paul Mitri and Kate Grande of Salem State. Supported by NECC, this event is free and open to the public. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy the college campus.

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Education

Carpooling: One student's solution

Andover High senior calls for fellow seniors to drive underclassmen, friends to school

By Rita Savard

IF KRISTEN SEBASKY WERE A JUNIOR this year, she would be in a bit of a bind.

The 17-year-old Andover High School senior works after school three days a week, and tutors a middle-school student on the other two days. In her free time, she juggles responsibilities such as heading the hockey cheerleading team, and participating in student government.

Bottom line, says Sebasky: "I need my car, especially to get to work after school."

Sebasky has a parking space secured this year, but she's still advocating for juniors who do not.

Her solution to the parking problem: carpooling.

Since the first day of school, Sebasky's been piling three students — two freshmen and one junior — into her Volkswagen Jetta and driving them. Sebasky says sharing a commute has many advantages, including saving gas money as students split the costs, reducing traffic congestion at the high school, helping the environment by reducing fuel emissions and, she adds, "riding in with a senior is cooler than having your parents drop you off at

school."

Sebasky says her parents also support the idea. During Sebasky's freshman year at Andover High, her neighbor, an AHS senior, gave her a ride to school in the morning.

"In the mornings, you can sit in traffic for up to 20 minutes on Shawshen Road," Sebasky said. "I think the traffic got a lot worse after they started charging for the bus. A lot of people don't want to take the bus, but that doesn't mean every parent should be driving in their kids."

Sebasky believes carpooling might even help students get to school on time now that new attendance policies are being enforced this year. Traffic around Andover High, she says, is a big contributor to students arriving a few minutes late in the mornings.

While adults say taking the bus seems like an obvious answer to a lack of parking spaces, Sebasky says it's not for everyone — especially students with jobs. A resident of River Road in west Andover, she says riding the bus can add a half hour of extra time with all the stops, which is a problem for students trying to get to work after school.

Offering another suggestion,



Prime parking — With 449 seniors at Andover High this year, 330 student parking spaces will go quickly.

Sebasky urges seniors who do not really need to drive in, to consider carpooling with others who do.

"Less than one quarter of the junior class will get a spot," Sebasky estimates. "Even the (parking) lottery should be saved for students who demonstrate a need for driving in."

Assistant Principal Marilyn Jordan said a true lottery provides a fair chance for all, "if we can actually run a lottery."

Whatever the parking-space outcome, Sebasky says she'll be trying to organize some kind of program at the school this year that will help students interested in carpooling to connect with each other in their neighborhoods.

No parking for juniors?

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS might have to leave their cars at home this year.

With 330 student parking spaces, and 909 juniors and seniors, there might be few spaces left for juniors with licenses to use, according to high school administrators. The senior class traditionally gets first dibs on parking spaces.

"The main thing impacting us is the senior class. It's the largest we've ever had," said Marilyn Jordan, assistant principal.

The latest totals show that there are 449 seniors this year, and they are expected to fill the lot outside the school. Jordan said that Friday is the deadline for seniors to claim their assigned parking spaces.

If there are any spaces left, the school will prepare an announcement for about 460 juniors to enter their names in a lottery for any leftover spaces. Jordan predicts that any spaces still available after Friday, will most likely be located in the Red Spring Road parking lot.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover resident Sue Curtis proposed that a road could be built to the right of the playing fields, to ease traffic at Andover High School.

Brainstorming leads to new road proposal

Fighting gridlock with a pen and some vision

By Rita Savard

IMAGINE A STREAM OF VEHICLES transporting Andover High's 1,800-plus students to school without gridlock and congestion. Andover resident Sue Curtis has. Curtis didn't stop at the vision, though.

The former engineer, now a full-time mom, picked up a pen and a map of Andover High School and designed a rough plan for a new roadway.

Stemming from Red Spring Road, trailing alongside Lovely Field and finally connecting to the parking lot behind the high school field house, Curtis said, the new road and sidewalk is meant to achieve the following:

- Improve traffic flow to and from the high school and Red Spring Road;
- Provide another outlet from the parking area to the field house;
- Reduce traffic on Moraine Street;
- Provide a lighted sidewalk to the Red Spring Road parking lot; and
- Create additional parking.

While the proposed solution to AHS's traffic woes has yet to become the subject of any serious discussions, School Committee member Arthur Barber called Curtis's idea an "innovative plan" for increasing access in and around the crowded school complex.

"That area is an absolute challenge at the start of the morning and at the end of the day," said Barber, who has been stalled near the high school many times while transporting his own kids. "Traffic down (Red Spring Road) can back up all the way down to the Horn Bridge (at the intersection with Central Street) and farther."

After reading an earlier proposal to build an alternate road next to Moraine Street in the newspaper, Curtis said she began brainstorming.

"The parking lot by the field house always gets congested," said Curtis. "I thought it would be nice to have another exit by the playing fields. I think it has some good possibilities if you can get around the wetlands. It might allow for a nicer entrance to the track and football field, and open up additional parking spaces next to the stadium."

But the wetlands behind the high school could prevent any such road from becoming a reality.

Massachusetts state regulations call for a 100 foot buffer zone from the edge of a wetland, and building anything closer would require a permit from the town Conservation Commission.

"It's a good idea," said town Safety Officer Robert Cronin. "But it can't be done. A year ago, the (same) idea was looked at by the different town departments and the wetlands issues would supersede any discussion of it."

Any solutions for solving the high school's parking problems, Cronin added, is going to come down to the School Committee making some "hard decisions." The high school, he said, has reached its maximum for parking and traffic volumes in the local streets.

"Residential streets in the area were not constructed to support long-term parking and are thus restricted," said the safety officer. "It's unfortunate it comes to this but the School Committee might have to follow the lead of other communities and say if you're a junior, you can't drive to school. The bus is an option that people aren't utilizing and now, with the price of gas, taking the bus is a bargain."

Whether a new road is or is not a viable option for AHS's traffic problems, Barber said residents like Curtis show the community is involved in finding solutions. Barber is also suggesting having an updated traffic study of the area.

"We need to have an open mind," Barber said. "Ideas like Sue Curtis's are only limited by your imagination."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WRAP & ROLL School Lunches

I LOVE THE SCENE IN THE MOVIE *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* when young Toula sits down to eat her lunch.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Terry Kay Bargar

"Moussaka," she replies when asked what she's got. "Moussaka!" the blond girls tease. No child relishes being taunted about her school lunch. Each student wants to fit in with the crowd but at the same time enjoy her meal. Obvi-

ously brown-bagged lunches need some updating.

The urban legend regarding the first wrap sandwich comes from the 1990s. Upon requesting a sandwich "to go," a young man added the sentence "Wrap it up!" when placing his order. The bored sandwich maker burst forth with the sandwich bread, squished it down and then proceeded to roll the matted bread and filling into something resembling a meat-stuffed jelly roll. The resulting repast was the birth of the wrap. This theory of the rise in wrap popularity is as good as any I've read or heard. In truth, I cannot find any definitive answer as to how a wrapped or rolled sandwich was created. Most cultures have some sort of wrap/roll as part of their ethnic cuisine history. Greeks have

gyros, Chinese chew egg rolls, French favor crepes, Japanese roll sushi, Jews stuff blintzes, Italians enjoy calzones, and Mexicans have tortilla-encased enchiladas.

Whatever the filling, I like wraps and rolls. I appreciate the solid bite they provide, the variety of texture and flavor in each mouthful and the compact design. All in all, handheld perfection.

HOW TO MAKE A WRAP OR ROLL

Many readers told me they find tables especially helpful, such as the one I wrote about making salsa ("Graduate to Salsa," *Andover Townsman*, June 2, page 17).

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

■ HOW TO MAKE A WRAP OR ROLL

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I've provided here (see chart at right) to create new combinations for your child's lunchbox every day.

Celery and Peanut Butter Roll

Most people love the combination of crunchy celery and smooth, sweet, salty peanut butter. This roll blends both ingredients. Makes one small roll.

- One-and-one-half Tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- One-half rib celery
- 1 slice soft bread (white, wheat, oatmeal)

1. Cut off the crust from the bread, and trim to make the bread square. With a rolling pin, roll the bread until flat.
2. Spread the peanut butter, leaving a one-half inch border at either end.
3. Cut the celery to match the width of the bread. Then cut the length into quartered strips.
4. Roll from one border to the other. Squeeze bread until the edges adhere to each other. Slice into 4 round pieces.

Additional idea: Substitute julienne strips of apple for the celery.

Easy Vegetarian Wrap

- 1 pita bread, split in half
- 2 Tablespoons hummus (I really love lemon hummus, but any flavor works well)
- 2 strips red bell pepper
- 2 thin slices cucumber
- 3 pieces jicama

1. Spread hummus on soft side of pita bread.
2. Place pepper, cucumber and jicama on top.
3. Roll from one end to the other.
4. Cut in half on the diagonal. Secure each half with a toothpick.

Rolls Lox and Cream Cheese

I'm sure that plenty of readers make their own sushi with raw fish, but I am squeamish about buying the proper grade of fish. Therefore, I recommend using smoked, not raw, salmon if sending fish to school.

- 2 large pieces smoked salmon (lox)
- 2 Tablespoons cream cheese
- Some fresh snipped chives OR one-fourth slice red onion
- One slice Jewish pumpernickel bread

1. Roll out the bread with a rolling pin. The crust is optional.
2. Spread the cream cheese over the bread.
3. Place the lox on top of the cream cheese.
4. Sprinkle the chives or onion over the lox.
5. Roll into a log, making sure the bread edges stick together.

Eat and enjoy!

The Emily Special

My daughter Emily has been making a tasty sandwich this summer. I've adapted it from its bagel form to a wrap. This is a big,

Use at least one ingredient from each column (more than one is OK)				
The Wrap	Protein	Crunchy Stuff	Binding Agent	Miscellaneous
Bread	Egg	Apple pieces	Mayonnaise	Tomatoes
Lavash	Chicken	Carrot shreds	Mustard	Onions
Lettuce	Turkey	Celery	Relish	Pickles
Crepe	Beef	Nuts	Ketchup	Mushrooms
Wonton skin	Ham	Cabbage	Hummus	Rice (cooked)
Tortilla	Bacon	Cole slaw	Guacamole	Hot peppers
Pita	Fish (fresh)	Jicama	Salsa	Fresh herbs
	Canned tuna, salmon, shrimp, clams	Cucumber	Tabouli	Seasonings, such as celery salt, garlic powder, etc.
	Bologna, Salami, Italian deli meats	Pepper slices	Salad dressing	
	Peanut butter or other nut butters			

Note: this list is not complete.
Add freely, but remember to include at least one ingredient from each category.

hearty wrap, enough for a high school linebacker.

- One-quarter pound sliced smoked turkey
- 1 firm tomato, sliced thin
- 2 slices cooked crispy bacon
- 2 Tablespoons sweet relish
- 2 Tablespoons classic Dijon mustard
- 3 slices sharp cheddar cheese (may use other varieties)
- 1 lavash wrap bread, any flavor (spinach or red pepper are excellent)

1. Layer the turkey, tomato and bacon on the Lavash.
2. Spread on the relish and mustard.
3. Place cheese on top.
4. Roll it up!

10 tips for kids' school lunches

1 Ice is nice! Freeze 16-ounces of juice, lemonade or water in a 20-ounce bottle and use it to keep the lunchbox chilled. By the time noon arrives, the drink will be melted and the food still will be cool.

2 Organize a wrap swap. Find out the names of three kids with whom your youngster eats and coordinate with their mothers. Each parent should make a wrap or roll and cut it into four pieces, one slice for each child. When the swapping is done every child will end up with 4 different little bites. How fun! This will a) expand your child's palate and b) give you additional menu ideas (if he tells you what the other kids' moms made). Please be mind-

ful of other children's food allergies.

3 Include single-portion bags of baked chips (not fried) or light popcorn. They are healthier than fried and empty-calorie choices.

4 If you include fruit in the lunchbox and your child repeatedly brings it home uneaten then stop sending it. He will never eat it. Try again at home. Or better yet, give fruit in another form (apple-sauce rather than a whole apple, for example).

5 Mayonnaise rots less quickly than other foods. It is made with both lemon juice and vinegar, and these acids retard the rate at which bacteria grows. The other foods in the wrap, however, spoil quickly, so make sure that lunch box stays chilled.

6 Keep in mind that your child will come home about 2 hours after he has eaten lunch. Have a healthy snack ready when he walks in the door. If you pick your child up at school then have food in the car, along with plenty of napkins.

7 Lunch leftovers should be thrown out. They probably have spoiled over the course of the day. Please don't reuse Monday's sandwich on Tuesday.

8 Lettuce leaves are a delicious wrapper. Send all fillings separately and let your child assemble them at the lunch table.

9 A small amount of last night's dinner makes a fantastic wrap for tomorrow's lunch at least 99 percent of the time. How about a moussaka wrap?

10 Never forget that lunch is one of the three most important meals of the day.

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BOOK REVIEW

Skin and Other Stories

BY ROALD DAHL

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

In this book review, John and James take a look at the darker side of favorite children's author Roald Dahl, as the tattooed artwork on the cover might indicate.

ROALD DAHL has long been held as one of the 20th century's greatest children's authors. From *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to *James and the Giant Peach*, Dahl has woven stories so perfect for kids that one

could easily assume they were daydreams from the head of a young adult. What few readers of Dahl know, however, is that his writing also has a far more sinister (and darkly humorous) side.

In *Skin and Other Stories* by Roald Dahl, lies a collection of the famous author's less famous and more menacing works, perfect for teenagers looking for a stylish and relatively unknown read.

Skin and Other Stories is a collection of 11 of Dahl's unknown gems perfect for this unorthodox treasury. From *Skin*, a story where the readers is thrust into the mysterious,

"backstabbing" (you'll get it later) world of collecting rare pieces of art, to one of the more well-known stories *Lamb to the Slaughter* where a quirky woman has had enough with her husband and decides to bludgeon him to death with a frozen leg of lamb—before serving it to the officers in hot pursuit of the murder weapon.

These stories, among the nine other equally strange and outlandish tales, are what serve to create a world that may just be strange enough to mimic that of our own!

Dahl has created a novel that serves to free him from the con-

straints of the realm of enormous crocodiles, twits and great glass elevators.

He has a uniquely humorous way of approaching topics such as homicide, which takes the horror genre to a different level and makes it even more unique than what the reader could ever imagine.

Unlike the modern-day horror authors like Stephen King, Roald Dahl winds story lines that don't come across as gruesome, but rather funny and ironic—in a twisted sort of way.

We recommend *Skin and Other Stories* by Roald Dahl primarily for teenagers. It is a dark

book that may come across as anything but ironic and darkly humorous for any readers who are under the age of 14 or 15.

As with every book you read, make sure you have your parents take a look at it before you pick it up.

Skin's satirical nature and shadowy tales make it the perfect read for anyone who enjoys the mystery, horror, or even fantasy genre, who isn't afraid of trying something new and exciting.

This novel is sure to surprise many readers in terms of how enjoyable the story lines are, especially considering many of

the stories were first published in the 1940s!

We give *Skin and Other Stories* by Roald Dahl an eight out of 10 rating.

It is sure to engage teen and even adult readers to the point where they will sit back and gaze at the book, thinking just how versatile Dahl's writing style really is.

So head on down to your local library or bookstore today, and pick up your very own copy of *Skin and Other Stories* by Roald Dahl. If you happen to pass an art gallery on the way, just keep walking.

You'll understand later

REUNIONS

AHS 1990 reunion

The Andover High School Class of 1990 is planning its 15th reunion on Friday, Nov. 25 at Andover Country Club. Tickets are \$45 per person.

The committee is compiling a current address list. Contact Reed Newton (reednewton@comcast.net), Marci Schwarz Cincotta (mcincotta@acredhome.com), or Kevin Murphy (kmurphy@fusiontrade.com) for more information.

AHS 2000 reunion

The Andover High School class of 2000 is planning its fifth reunion Saturday, Nov. 26 at the North Andover Knights of Columbus (behind China Blossom) from 7 p.m. to midnight. Tickets cost \$10 per person at the door.

RSVP as soon as possible (no later than Nov. 1) to Jackie Morando at: JMorando7@hotmail.com. For more information, contact her. Organizers also ask, "If you have anyone's contact information, please send it to Jackie Morando."

PMA alumnae plan all-class reunion

Presentation of Mary Academy is inviting its alumnae back to the Methuen campus Saturday, Oct. 22. There will be tours of the grounds, a meet-and-greet with former and current faculty, a cocktail hour, catered dinner and dancing.

Tours start at 5:30 p.m. and a DJ will play music until midnight. Whether alumnae graduated from PMA five years ago or 25 years ago—or even if they're not celebrating a reunion year—they are invited to join organizers for an elegant night in the new Dupre Sports and Arts Center on the school grounds.

Tickets cost \$50 per person. Reservations are required by Sept. 23. Checks should be made out to PMA Alumnae Association and mailed to the PMA Development Office, 209 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA 01844.

For information, call Barbara Black at 978-682-9391, Ext. 105. The PMA Alumnae Association, which is the event host, is a non-profit group that raises scholarship money for PMA students. Students are from the Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Sept. 19-23:

Elementary schools

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich with chicken noodle soup, chocolate chip pancakes with ham sticks, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken caesar salad, milk, fruit and veggie.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak with gravy and green beans, baked chicken nuggets with oven fries, pizza ring, fruit and yogurt, milk, fruit and veggie.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, chicken McSchool with oven-baked fries, slice of pizza, chicken teriyaki wrap, lucky tray day, milk, fruit and veggie.

Thursday: Fun fish nuggets, french toast with sausage links, hot dog with oven-baked fries, boxed breakfast, milk, fruit and veggie.

Friday: Meatball sub with oven-baked fries, baked chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, slice of pizza, shaker salad, jello with whipped topping, milk, fruit and veggie.

Middle schools

Monday: Chicken caesar salad, chicken McSchool with chips, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, milk and veggie.

Tuesday: Fish-and-chips, two hot dogs with chips, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, milk and veggie.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, nachos with taco meat and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, milk and veggie.

Thursday: Beef-filled raviolis with wheat roll, french toast sticks with ham sticks and potato pancakes, meatball sub, woven baked fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and peas, top-your-own-taco, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Baked meatloaf with potatoes and green beans, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Cheeseburger with fries, bakery pizza, rotini and meat sauce, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Two beefy burritos, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey dinner, bakery pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Oven-baked chicken with potatoes and peas, stuffed crust pizza, baked macaroni and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

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Business

CATCHY OLDE ANDOVER VILLAGE

Call it the SoMa district, for South of Main Street – and enjoy an Open House Sept. 22 featuring its new businesses

By Judy Wakefield

It's a lesser known retail district in town.

While glossy magazines and a Boston television station have dubbed Andover's Main Street a shopping mecca with some great destinations, the Main Street shopping area between the recognized Andover Inn and Chestnut Street is looking to get some notice.

It's Andover's SoMa district, an area formerly known as Olde Andover Vil-

lage. The new name – a short reference to Olde Andover Village's position on the south end of Main Street – is a take-off on the famed SoHo district of New York City and SoMa businesses are looking for the same fame.

"The village name is historic and we love that, but we wanted a catchy name and came up with SoMa," said Nancy Dube, who owns Coco Collections.

She explained that her shopping area has some new businesses and few peo-

ple know about them. She knows there is a real business-service feel in SoMa with its tutoring, insurance and financial consulting tenants along with its heavy emphasis on self services as there is also a nail salon and longtime massage business.

"But, you can also drop your dog at the groomer, drop your child at tutoring and then do some shopping. You can get a fabulous suit here (at Enzo's) and great women's clothes here and even

plan a vacation. And, you can get something to eat at this end (Lantern Brunch)," said this owner of a women's clothing shop. "We're a shopping destination and have lots of new businesses that people need to know about."

To get the word out, SoMa businesses are hosting an open house on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Businesses will stay open late for the event.

Licensed psychologist and new ten-

ant Robert Stier, Ph.D. said the event is a great idea. He'll be there along with other business professionals and looks forward to meeting people. He also said the event should help bring professionals and retailers together.

A disc jockey will supply the music while retailers will model their goods.

"Even some dogs will be dressed," said Dube. "It's a great place to take a September stroll, so we hope people come."

SOMA'S OPEN HOUSE

- Thursday, Sept. 22
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- at SoMa
- (a new name for Olde Andover Village located on South end of Main Street)
- music by a DJ
- several businesses staying open late

BRIEFS

Doucett tops for raising funds

The National Alliance for Choice In Giving (NACG) recognized the work of Andover resident Lisa Doucett by presenting her its top honor, the 2005 "Choice In Giving" Award, in Portland, Ore. Doucett has managed fund-raising campaigns in Massachusetts since 1978.

In 2004, Doucett, and her employer, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), became noteworthy nationally by prevailing against steep competition to manage two large payroll deduction campaigns that raised nearly \$4 million from over 100,000 public sector employees in Massachusetts, said a NACG release. Doucett's personal and professional commitment was to ensure equitable charitable choice and efficient administration of the campaigns for the 2,000 non-profit recipients.

The largest of the two campaigns, the Combined Federal Campaign of Eastern Mass., was, in 2004, a merger of four previously adjacent, separately administered campaigns. The other, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employee Charitable Campaign was converting to a more centralized campaign with an online pledging option. Both campaigns were successful even though significant new components were introduced to the employees during the charity drive.

At the conclusion of these campaigns in the spring of 2005, Doucett accepted a director of development position at the Professional Center for Child Development (PCCD) in Andover. Her first task will be to facilitate a \$2.2 million capital campaign for program expansion at the Center. PCCD serves more than 1,000 special needs children ages birth through seven years of age in the Eastern Massachusetts area.

DTC moving to Andover

Diversified Technology Consultants will relocate its Commonwealth office to Andover, this year, its 25th in business. Building upon its success over recent years in the planning and design of a variety of recreational, school and transportation facilities in central Massachusetts, DTC said in a release it is moving from its former Springfield office to better serve its clients and architects in greater Boston.

Snover joins board of Arc

Barbara Crystal, president of the board of directors of the Arc of East Middlesex (formerly known as EMARC), recently announced the addition of two new directors. David Snover of Lynnfield and Judith Osborn of Reading.

Snover is a senior mortgage consultant for First Call Mortgage in Andover. He holds a degree in management and marketing from Northeastern University. Snover is also president of the Wakefield Chapter of Business Networking International, and co-chairman of the Affiliates Committee of the East Middlesex Association of Realtors.

Psychologist sets up on Main Street

Robert Stier brings 25 years of experience to Olde Andover Village

By Judy Wakefield

A licensed psychologist who trained residents in the same medical field at Harvard University for 15 years has set up shop on Main Street.

Robert Stier, Ph.D., has relocated his practice from Melrose to Andover. He said the move is a "renewal" for him, as he has stepped away from the academic scene, choosing to focus on families in need of counseling.

"Centering" patients is crucial, he said, when asked about his business, located in the Heaven Associates tutoring office at 94 Main St. in Olde Andover Village.

"The center comes from how you relate to others around you," he explained. "Looking at what you hold onto, your centering and security, is what people lose. It's important to help them find it and get them to reconnect."

Stier is also a special education consultant who receives referrals from the Andover School Department. He works with children of all ages and also adults. He has been in the counseling business for the past 25 years.

A father of four and fiancé of Deborah Jones, who unsuccessfully ran for state Sen. Sue Tucker's seat last fall, he's watched families fall on difficult emotional times and works hard to help them "feel confident and be satisfied."

When asked to compare families of 25 years ago to the families of today, he said these days families have more stress.

"The economy is making parents work longer hours and that means less opportunity to be with



Robert Stier has brought his practice to Olde Andover Village, also known to some as SoMa.

the family," said Stier, who also worked in psychology at New England Memorial Hospital, also in Melrose. "Some kids are fine with that. Some kids struggle. Families need to look closely at the security and make sure they stay connected ... We all want that connection."

Connection, in a clinical sense, is important to all of his patients.

He focuses on helping patients find that connection and he is a big believer in nutritional wellness. His move to Andover allows him to spend more time in that arena, he said.

He also talks about moods, energy levels and job productivity with many clients as he believes a healthy regimen of good food and exercise contributes to the total

healthy being.

"It's an additional component of what I tell families," he said. "And I love it."

"I'm enthusiastic about my renewal, which includes this part of my practice development."

Stier is also thrilled to be doing business in his hometown, as it will certainly keep him more connected to his own home front.

Cannon wins 2004-05 Florence Denmark National Faculty Advisor Award

Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, has recognized Dr. Joan B. Cannon, associate professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, for being selected for the 2004-05 Psi Chi Florence L. Denmark National Faculty Advisor Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to the one faculty advisor who best achieves Psi Chi's purposes and has made outstanding contributions both to Psi Chi and the field of psychology at the local, regional and national levels.

As winner of the Denmark Award, Cannon received travel expenses to the American Psychological Association/Psi Chi National Convention held in Washington D.C. On Aug. 19th, the award was formally presented to her by Christopher Koch, national president, for her deep commitments and enormous involve-



Dr. Joan B. Cannon

ment with Psi Chi as described in her chapter's letter of nomination.

Cannon earned her bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College (Notre Dame, Indiana), master's degree from Boston University, and doctoral degree from Clark University.

She currently teaches courses in personality psychology and human development and has been active in online teaching and in conducting a variety of career seminars. Her research focuses on organizational change, role conflict, dual-career families, and personality. She is the author of dozens of articles,

book chapters, and editor of two books, *Resources for Affirmative Action, and Personality Psychology: Insights, Issues, Case Histories and Applications*.

She was honored with the Haskell Teaching Award in 1996, the 2003 Department of Psychology Teaching Award, the University of Massachusetts Lowell Student Organization Advisor 2003-04 Award, the 2004-05 University of Massachusetts Psi Chi Faculty Advisor Award for Distinguished Leadership and, more recently, was nominated for the 2005 Sloan Excellence in Online Teaching Award.

Cannon is the wife of Attorney Raymond J. Cannon and mother of Catherine Cannon-Francis, sixth-grade teacher at Doherty Middle School, Stanley J. Cannon, University of Massachusetts Lowell student, and Matthew A. Cannon, Andover High School junior.

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HAMILTON SOUTH, MA
Moving/Yard Sale
 Sat. 9/17 & Sun. 9/18 9am-3pm
 75 Lincoln Ave.
 Everything must go!

HAMPSTEAD, NH Granite Village
 Sat. 9/17, 8 am-3 pm
 Community wide yard sale
 Rain date: Sun. 9/18. Directions:
 Kent Farm Rd. off Rt. 121.
 Something for everyone.

HAVERHILL, MA
 12 Bladwell St., Sat. 9/17 8:30-2
MOVING SALE!
 Records, some furniture, de-
 cor, household & more!

HAVERHILL, MA 25 West-
 land Terrace Sat. 9/17, 9-2pm
Multi family
 yard sale

HAVERHILL, MA
 3 Rainbow Dr. Sat. 9/17,
 1-4 pm. Children's toys,
 boys clothing (sizes 3-12),
 kitchen items, women's
 clothing, window coverings,
 misc. household items.

HAVERHILL, MA
 510 W Lowell Ave.
 Sat. 9/17 9-11. Rain date 9/18
 No early birds! (2nd
 of everything! Rain or shine!
 Plus a treadmill!

HAVERHILL, MA
 "Haverhill Crossing"
 254 Amesbury Rd community
 yard sale, Sat. 9/17, 9-2
 \$15 scale. Rain date 9/18
 chairs, activities 978-556-1600

HAVERHILL, MA
 37 St. James Ave.
 Sat. 9/17, 8am to 12 noon.

HAVERHILL, MA
 MULTI-FAMILY Yard Sale
 SUN. SEPT. 18, 8 am to 4 pm
 114 MAIN STREET
 (ACROSS FROM MR.
 MIKE'S RESTAURANT)

HAVERHILL, MA Sheridan St.
 Sat. 9/17 8-7
 rain date Sun. 9/18. Multi-
 family. Furniture, books,
 collectibles, kids items.
 Great bargains!

KINGSTON, NH
 Yard sale Sat. 9/17, 8am-1pm.
 13 Newton Jct. Rd.
 Children's books, toddler
 bed, quality toys, curtains,
 quilts, apple press

LAWRENCE, MA 19 Ridge-
 wood Circle, Sat. 9/17 9-2
 Moving sale. Sleep sofa, oak
 dining table, oak couch, ta-
 ble. Benetton rockers, new
 AC and more.

LAWRENCE, MA 450 South
 Broadway, Saturday, Sep-
 tember 17, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Household items, clothes,
 lawn mowers, miscellaneous
 items and much more.

LAWRENCE, MA 9 Logan St.,
 Sat. 9/17, 9-11 am
 Sat. 9/18, 8-11 am
MOVING SALE
 Lots of miscellaneous items

LONDONDERRY
 11 Saye Lane.
 Sat. 9/17 17h from 8-2p.
 Furniture, toys, clothes,
 crafts, and appliances.

LONDONDERRY
 124 Rockingham Rd. Sat. 9/17
 from 9-4p. Brand new boys
 clothes, sporting equipment,
 household goods, & more!

LONDONDERRY
 2 Angus Ave.
 Sat. 9/17 8-11 Rain date: Sun. 9/18
 Many household items, etc.

LONDONDERRY, NH
 2 FAMILY: Sat. 9/17 from 8-11
 15 Jewel Court. Selling lots of
 everything! Crafts, b-ball
 hoop, bikes, scooter, CDs,
 games, books & more!

Londonderry, NH
 69 Chase Rd. Sat. 9/17 8-2
 Multi-family. Furniture, area
 rugs, miscellaneous household
 items, clothes, etc.

LONDONDERRY
 Sat. 9/17, 9/18 from 8-2.
 Something for everyone!
28 Justin Circle

LYNN, MA 3 floors, Lynn-
 shore Drive on the water.
 Fri. Sept. 16th, 10-4; Sat. 8-4.
 Sofas, china, glass, tables,
 office furniture, treasures,
 & more. By the Solemakers

MARLBOROUGH, MA
 ESTATE SALE
 Sat. Sept. 17th, rain date Sun.
 9/18. 8-12 noon
 Antiques, art, china, glass,
 silver, records, books, used
 furniture. Grace Sales, per-
 son to hurricane relief.

METHUEN, MA 110 Maple
 St. Sat. 9/17 8-2. Benefit
 the American Stroke Asso-
 ciation. Some items new in
 box. Raffle for gift baskets.
 Rain or shine.

METHUEN, MA 12 Cottage St.,
 Sat. 9/17, 8-11 am
 Moving Sale! No Early
 Birds. Furniture, household
 goods & much more.

METHUEN, MA 28 Clementi
 (Merrimack St. to
 Pitman St. to Clementi)
 Sat. 9/17, 10 am to 2 pm.
Lots of great stuff!

METHUEN, MA 2 Campbell
 St. East End off Merrimack
 Sat. 9/17, 9-2 pm 4 FAM-
 ILY: lamps, furniture, Avon,
 pictures, books, knickknacks
 & much more!!!!

METHUEN, MA 5 Dutton
 Dr. Sat. 9/17, 8-11 am
 2 pm. Lots of toys & games,
 small furniture, computers &
 computer related items.
 Rain date Sun., Sept. 18.

METHUEN, MA
Butternut Lane,
Sat. 8 a.m.-2
p.m., 20 families.
 Toys, household items, to-
 dler bed, full size bed, an-
 tiques, vintage jewelry, gas
 dryer, Avon items, micro-
 wave, baby bedding set
 with accessories, clothes for
 the whole family and more.
 Directions: Rt. 93 to Route
 113 rotary, follow signs to Ty-
 ler, then Butternut Lane.

METHUEN, MA Huge Annual
 Yard Sale. Antiques, furni-
 ture, Princess House glass,
 ware, books, refrigerators,
 rugs, clothes, luggage, Beanie
 Babies, toys, computer stuff.
 91A Cross St. Sat. 9/17 9-3.

METHUEN, MA
Multi-family sale
 Sat. 9/17, 9am-3pm in the
 parking lot of 118 Waver-
 ley, 21 Merrimack St.

METHUEN, MA Sat. 9-2
 Indors. Rain or shine.
 Sponsored: Ladies Auxiliary
 Knights of Columbus
 Rummage Sale/Flea Market
 Rte 28 462 Broadway

METHUEN, MA Sat & Sun 9-3. Clothes,
 household, videos, books,
 R99 exit 46 to Rte 118 rotary
 follow signs to 118 Haverhill

METHUEN, MA:
 Yard Sale, Furniture, home
 goods, clothing, etc. 64 Win-
 gate Ave., Sat. 9/17, 8-4.
 Rain date Sun. 9/18.

METHUEN, MA - YARD
 SALE GIVEAWAY! All
 items FREE! Sat. 9/17 9-11
 noon. Methuen Gospel Hall
 parking lot, 51 Merrimack
 St. Rain date: 9/24.

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NEWBURYPORT, MA
LAVALLEY LANE
Neighborhood Sale
 (Off Turkey Hill) Sat. 9/17, 8-12
 Sat. 9/17, 9am - 1pm.

NO. ANDOVER, MA
 49 Meadowview Rd., near
 Smolack, Sat. 9/17, 8am-2
 Pier 1, bamboo bed, Suncoast
 shed, kitchen, mantle, chairs
 fire truck bed, computer, etc

NO. ANDOVER, MA:
 71 Brightwood Ave.
 Sat. 9/17 9-11am
TOOL SALE!
 Hand, power, cabinet. Fin-
 ished plywood & hardwoods.
 & misc. household items!!

NO. CHELMSFORD, MA
13th Annual
Parking Lot Sale
Indoor & Outdoor
 Ellen Allen dining room set,
 linens, quilts, kitchen set,
 living room sets, bureau,
 beds, antiques, pictures,
 lamps, old doors, old shut-
 ters, jewelry, fur coats.
 Check out our dealer booth!

Sun. 9/18, 9-4
 at Consignment Corner,
 17 Groton Rd. Rte. 40
 across from the Lowell Five
 Savings Bank - take 495 to
 Rt. 1 north Exit 33, 978-251-7130

NORTH ANDOVER, MA, 208
 Boston Street, Saturday,
 September 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Rain or shine. Collectible
 glass and china, vintage
 clothes, household items.

PEABODY, MA
 11 Westview Circle,
 Sat. 9/17 8-2.
 Rain or shine.

PEABODY, MA, 3 Highland Park,
 Sat. 9/17, 8-2
 Household items, some fur-
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ROWLEY, MA 26 Intervale
 Circle, Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Range, dishwasher, 24"x4
 pool, well, Nordirack,
 weight bench, shop tools, TV
 and much more.

SALEM, MA 13 Raymond Road,
 Sat. 9/17, 9-11
Grandma's Attic
SALE!!!

SALEM, MA 327 Lafayette
 St., Sat. 9/17, 8-3 pm. furni-
 ture, small appliances, women's
 clothing/shoes, crystal, glass
 ware, lots of household
 items & much more.

SALEM, MA City wide yard
 sale on Salem Common, Sat.
 9/17 9-noon. Sponsored by
 SCNA Furniture, clothes,
 knickknacks, kitchen stuff,
 collectibles. All good stuff.

SALEM, MA Sat 8-3 Multi-
 family. Toys age 9-12, tools,
 furniture, housewares, sports
 items, clothes, jewelry, more.
 R1107 to Greenway Rd follow
 signs to 9 Berrywood Ln.

SALEM, N.H., 31 Lucille Ave.,
 Sat. 9/17, 8-11
 Multi family
 A little bit of everything

SALEM, NH 35 Budron Ave.
 Sat. 9/17 & Sun. 9/18, 9-2pm
MOVING SALE!
 40 yrs. of accumulation -
 must go!! Furniture, an-
 tiques, garden tools - A bit
 of everything! Rain or shine.

SALEM, NH 4 Sullivan Ave.
 Saturday, September 17,
 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Some furniture,
 women's clothes, sizes 4, 6
 and 8, household items and
 much more. Rain or shine.

SALEM, NH 9 West Dutton Road.
 Household goods.
 Rain or Shine 8-4pm.
 Sat. September 17th.

SALEM, NH Sat. 9/17 8-1pm
 26 Ashwood Ave.
Multi-Family Sale
 Something for everyone!
 Everything MUST GO!

SALEM, NH Sat. 9/17, 8-4pm
 Autumn Woods Development
 (Off Rte. 111)

SEABROOK, NH:
 49 Lodge Rd., Sun. 9/18, 9-2p.
 Moving! Multi-Family!
 Many household items includ-
 ing furniture & baby stuff!

WINDHAM, NH
 18 Mockingbird Hill Rd.
 Moving Sale!! Furniture,
 tools, house goods, etc.
 Sat. & Sun. 9/17 & 9/18 9a-4p.

WINDHAM, NH 19 Cobble's Pond Road, Sat.,
 Sept. 17th, 9-3. (rain date
 9/18) Last best sale! Tools,
 vintage linens, furniture,
 glass and lots of other stuff.

WINDHAM, NH 9 Sherwood
 Rd. Rt. 111 to Meetinghouse
 to Easy to Blossom to
 Sherwood Sat. 9/17, 9am-2
 Books, toys, furniture, sports
 gear, clothes, & housewares.

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Lisa Galluzzo (right), a Pike School teacher, and Lisa Bergam use ground-penetrating radar to study climate changes in the Arctic Circle.

New visitors to Arctic

■ ARCTIC

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up and freezing, and other days I had my bug net and a tank top on," Galluzzo said. "For the first couple of days, all we could hear is that buzz, but then it just became part of the backdrop. Without the bug net, though, you were in a lot of trouble."

June is also the time of year when the region's polar bears venture into Churchill by way of ice floes. The Entering Churchill visitor sign boasts that the Arctic village is the "Polar Bear Capital of the World." Everywhere the group traveled, a "bear guard," outfitted with a shotgun for their protection against the largest land carnivores, accompanied them, Galluzzo said. Polar bears can weigh more than 1,000 pounds and reach lengths of 10 feet.

While Galluzzo said they were lucky not to run into any polar bears, she did encounter thousands of beluga whales in the Churchill bay, and caught glimpses of some arctic foxes and hares.

Galluzzo's Arctic study findings will be added to years of

previous research data on the region, compiled by Peter Kershaw, an associate professor of earth and atmospheric sciences at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. Kershaw has lead research teams in the Arctic Circle for the past three years and eventually hopes to have enough statistical evidence to publish a detailed report on climate change.

Galluzzo, who teaches seventh- and eighth-grade science at Pike, plans to incorporate her Arctic experience into the classroom this fall.

The teacher anticipates her excursion, which was funded through the school's professional development program, will help make the science unit on the issue of global warming come alive for students.

"Global warming is still a very controversial issue in the world today," Galluzzo said. "Some people believe it's happening and some don't. I'm allowing students to make their own research-based conclusions, to decide whether it's a man-made problem or a result of the earth's normal aging process."

THE BACK PAGE

Andover numbers had nice ring to them



Bill Dalton

When I was growing up in Andover, all telephones were metal, black and heavy. When I picked up the handpiece to make a call, I'd wait a few seconds for the operator to say, "Number, please." If I was calling my Dad at work I'd say, "OneOh-Seven, please." Quite often the operator knew me and asked how I was doing.

The number 1-0-7 indicated that, very likely, the number belonged to the 107th phone in Andover. My father's pharmacy owned that number. The house we lived in had the very short number 6-3. When my parents bought the house, the number came with it.

Giving the number directly to the operator, rather than dialing, stopped in a lot of places before it stopped in Andover. Urban areas had dial phones first. Long before I ever dialed a phone, I watched it done over and over again in the movies. In the oldest movies, though, the caller talked to an operator, even if the caller was in a big city. And the reverse was true in rural areas: long after everyone else had dial phones rural folks were still giving their numbers to operators. Although the dial telephone was invented in the 1880s (only a decade after the telephone itself was invented), it took until 1924 for the switch from operators to dialing to begin.

In preparation for Andover switching to dial phones in the late 1950s or so, we were told to that we had to say "Greenleaf 5" before every number.

The remainder of the number had to have four digits so that 6-3 became Greenleaf 5-0063. Today, if you have a telephone number that begins 475-00, you have a number that is the descendant of one of the oldest numbers in Andover. If you have 475-000 and then one single-digit number, you are descended from one of the nine oldest numbers in town. This doesn't apply to 470 numbers. Those were created when the phone company ran out of 475 numbers.

People living in the rest of greater Lawrence had "Murdock," before their other numbers. The townspeople of Andover felt fortunate because they had a pretty word like "Greenleaf."

That was short-lived. It was all leading up to a dial system. Greenleaf 5 became 475 (obviously, "G" is on the number 4 on the dialer and "R" is on the number 7). To give us a hint what was coming the telephone company put "Greenleaf" on the published materials before converting everything to digits.

[Stepping backwards before proceeding with this riveting piece, I should note that there were things called "party lines." These were a less expensive way to have residential telephone service. Party line numbers had a letter after the digits (e.g., 6328W). If you had a party-line phone, you literally shared the telephone line with other people - three to five other families was the norm in Andover - who had different numbers. If I were calling you on a party line, the way the phone rang would indicate what number on the party line was being called. Two rings... pause... two rings would be you; one ring... pause... two

rings was somebody else. Since anyone on the party line could listen to your call, and long calls tied up all linked phones, there was a lot of courtesy required. Most people in rural areas used party lines. Sometimes there were as many as 30 phones on the same party line.

In 1949, Hank Williams wrote a song about party lines:

Why don't you mind your own business

(Mind your own business)

Well, if you mind your business,

then you won't be mindin' mine.

Party lines died.]

Then we got area codes, so three more digits were added plus a "1" most of the time. And just when you got around to memorizing all the numbers that needed memorizing, the area code changed in Andover, then changed again.

Once it was certain that folks could no longer memorize all the numbers they needed, the corporate smiley-faces created a new income stream for themselves: they charged you to get a number from information. Not only that, they created a system that requires you to exercise several steps: touch-tone a number to get information, indicate whether you want to speak in English or Espanol, give state, give city, give the name of the person or company you are calling, give that information again (usually). It's interesting that it is much simpler when you use a cell phone. (Dealing with long distance information requires another column - one that needs to be written when I am in a less sanguine mood.)

My father used to tell me about the first time he used a telephone, probably before 1910. He said the experience was a little daunting, even frightening. Well, he lived long enough to see dialing become touch-toning on pink, plastic, light-weight, Princess phones. You remember the little Princess phone: you picked up the receiver and the phone slid off the table.

Quick facts: the first area codes were used in 1947.

The first commercial use of the touch tone was 1962.

First Princess phone, a dialer, was in 1962. The touch tone Princess came later.

Hard to believe - at least for me - but some people collect Princess phones. (I think these are the people who thought they'd make a killing in Beanie Babies.)

Sigh.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Fall is the time to tighten up, batten down

By Judith Bright

The bathing suits have been put away, but the snow shovels have not yet come out, which makes this the perfect time to look around the house for fall projects that need to get done before the weather turns.

That is just what most people do, according to Andover contractor Paul Bevacqua. "Some projects can be done at any time of the year, a bathroom or kitchen remodeling, for example," he said. "Fall is a good time of year for getting a house ready for the cold weather."

One big — and surprising — advantage is that contractors might be in a better mood. "The weather is not so difficult, and contractors love to work in the fall," said Bevacqua.

According to the almanac, September and October in New England historically have fewer rainy days than most months of the year, right behind June and July. This is good news for home projects on the wish lists of do-it-yourselfers as well as contractors.

"The idea is not much different from getting your automobile winterized," says Bevacqua, something he recommends people also attend to in the coming weeks.

The first step is to do the easy and simple maintenance chores. The furnace should be serviced, whether oil- or gas-burning. This improves its efficiency, saving on fuel costs, and reduces emissions, which is good for the environment.

The chimney should also be inspected and cleaned every few years if the only fuel burned is oil or gas. When wood-burning fireplaces or stoves use the chimneys, inspection for and cleaning out of creosote deposits should be done more often. Creosote can catch fire in the chimney with the potential to spread flames to other parts of the dwelling. (See article, page 2A.)

Deciding what household projects really need to get done and which can wait until next spring is an important first step that starts with a complete survey of the house.

The homeowner can often identify numerous tasks by walking around and looking closely at all areas of the home, says Bevacqua. "Water leaks are probably the single most important threat. It's important to look at anything that might allow water penetration from the outside."

The foundation, siding and porches, especially any spot that

has broken away from the house, are all areas that Bevacqua recommends assessing.

"Look at glass throughout the house for cracks and loose or missing putty," he says, since these can be a source of both water penetration and drafts.

Evidence of rodents should receive attention, particularly squirrels or bats in the Andover area. Although cracks that could admit mice can be hard to spot and difficult to completely eliminate, access routes of squirrels and bats are easier to locate.

"Holes in the eaves or overhang, or in the vents in the soffits can often be seen from the ground," Bevacqua says. "If the gable vent is broken and the screening behind it torn, all kinds of creatures can gain access."

For many homeowners in Andover, the eaves are fairly high off the ground and close inspection might seem risky. "The homeowner should be looking only for obvious damage," says Bevacqua, "something that can be seen from the ground."

For the homeowner who believes a closer inspection from the top of ladder is indicated, Bevacqua recommends caution whenever getting up on a ladder. There are also "handymen" who will come out and look over a property for needed seasonal maintenance.

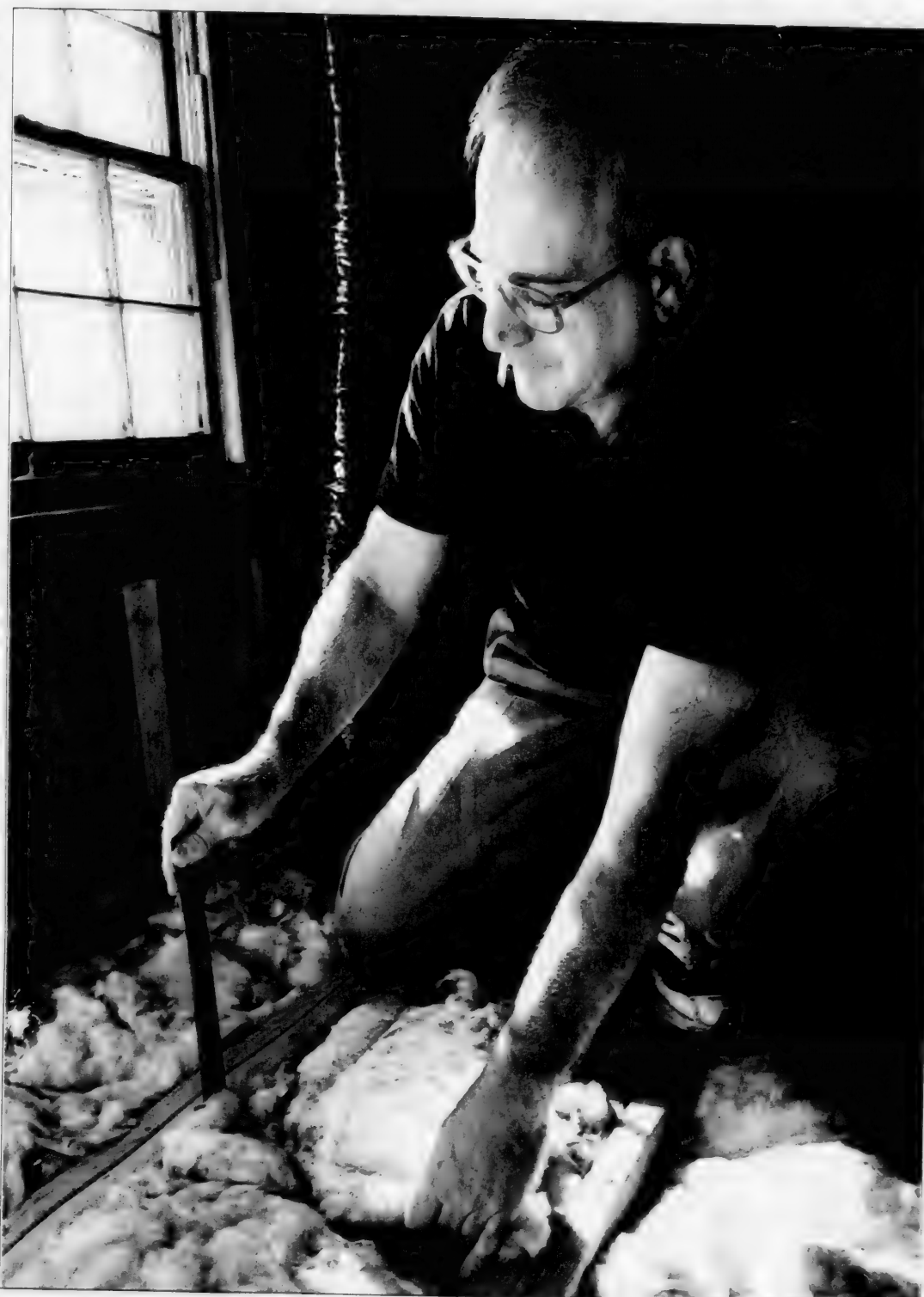
Besides the visual survey, Bevacqua recommends using the touch method. "Drafts [that admit] outside air can have a significant impact on heating bills," he says.

"Simply feeling around each window frame will quickly reveal drafts. Curtains and drapes can hide a draft by redirecting it. There's no need to take curtains down, but it is important to feel behind them to know whether a window is tight."

As to how long replacement windows should hold out drafts, he says most replacement windows will still be quite sound after 20 years or more.

Drafty doors present a special problem, he says, because many homeowners are tempted to try to weatherstrip these themselves. "Weatherstripping is far more complex than it appears," says Bevacqua. "This is one project where it makes sense to call in a contractor. Most homeowners can't do the job properly and end up wasting not only their time, but the materials as well."

On the other hand, drafty sills, the points at which the



Andover contractor Paul Bevacqua checks the amount of insulation in this attic space. There should be at least 9 to 12 inches of insulation under the roof.

house meets its foundation, can be much simpler to resolve. "Unless there are visible holes to the outside or there is visible rot, drafty spots can be eliminated with some caulking squeezed up under the siding." Evidence

of holes or rot suggest a much larger problem and ought to be evaluated by a contractor immediately, says Bevacqua.

Often, homeowners can also assess their home's insulation. "The insulation in the walls is

impossible to get to without drilling into the walls," he says, "but where the insulation is visible, the homeowner can measure it."

Good guidelines for floor and attic spaces, Bevacqua says are

6 to 9 inches of insulation in the ceiling of the basement (under the floorboards of the first story), and 9 to 12 inches thickness in the attic.

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Change of seasons means a real switching of gears

By Judith Bright

With any luck it will be many weeks before the snow begins to fly. In the interim, lawn mowers are still the workhorses homeowners need to maintain the health and appearance of their lawns.

Still, it won't be long before it's time to haul out the snowblower or snow thrower. And that means that it's not too early to schedule some maintenance with a favorite small engine repair shop — first for the snowblower, and later for the mower.

According to Mike Winters of Andover Small Engine Service, Inc., at 100 School St., "the engines in the mower and the snowblower are built on the same principles as an automobile engine, only smaller, and need the same regular care."

Once each season the lawn mower should have professional maintenance. Besides an oil and air-filter change, says Winters, that involves "a new spark plug and pulling off the [engine] head to replace the head gasket, scrape any carbon buildup from the pistons and valves and

inspect the valves for scoring."

In addition, the blade is sharpened or replaced. "Sharpening the cutting edge is only part of blade maintenance," says Winters. "The blade rotates up to 3300 times per minute and it's the airflow under the deck that keeps the grass standing up for the blade edge to cut. There is a

little lip, sort of like a dog-eared corner of a page, on the blade. That's what gives the blade its lift on the edge."

The sheer friction of air and other materials over the blade erodes that lip over time. "When the lip is gone, the blade must be replaced," says Winters.

The homeowner should also be checking the machine frequently during the season. "The oil level should be checked before every use," says Winters. "The owner can also 'pat out' the air filter, which simply means taking the paper or foam air filter out and tapping the dirt and dust out of it."

Spring service of mowers is typical and most small engine shops, including Winters', will arrange to contact owners in the late winter or early spring to schedule pickup for maintenance.

Meanwhile, there is still a lot of grass to cut and leaves to pick up with the mower. When the season is finally over, Winters says, the best way to shut down



Look for mowers to be around for another couple of months before the snowblowers come out.

Got Attitude?

Overheard at the hardware store, the following fall lawn care plans might strike a chord, depending on one's personal philosophy of lawn care:

Trendsetter

To paraphrase a recent advertising slogan, what falls on the lawn, stays on the lawn.

True believer

God put the leaves there; He can take them away.

Diversity lover

If it's green, I mow it.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT SECTION

Fall house projects

■ FALL PROJECTS
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The type of insulation is largely irrelevant, he notes. "Fiberglass, cellulose and foam are all pretty equal these days. Some people might believe that blown-in insulation is better because it fills all the tight, small spaces in the attic. But if the contractor just blows it in from the hatch access point, the material isn't getting into those spaces anyway." Pressed for his personal preference, Bevacqua says he would select fiberglass batts

"There's no season for damage."

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because, "It guarantees a good fit."

There are some projects that Bevacqua does not recommend the homeowner tackle in the fall.

"Fresh paint in the fall is good where protection is needed," he says, "but it won't look good in the spring after taking a beating from the winter weather."

"Most contractors would say a house can be painted until October. But if you paint in the spring, it's going to look good all through the spring and summer seasons, and even next fall."

Adding a deck is another project that can wait until spring. Enduring the time, expense and inconvenience of construction, and then being unable to enjoy the benefits of the new space for months makes less sense than tackling more necessary projects.

On the other hand, no project should be delayed if the integrity of the house is at risk.

"There's no season for damage," says Bevacqua. "If rot is occurring, the deck should take priority. That's especially true if people use the deck to access the house. And even more so if it's the second means of egress in an emergency."

Large improvement projects that can be completed in the fall include a new front entrance, window replacement, bathrooms and kitchen projects.

The drawback to constructing an addition to the house in the fall, he says, is that "it gets sloppy in the yard. The trucks, men and materials chew up the ground and, with the snow and ice, it will stay that way until next spring."

Roofing can be done at any time of the year, but cold weather can make the shingles brittle and the adhesive slow to cure. Says Bevacqua, "More shingles are lost to breakage, which raises the cost, and the sun is not strong enough to warm the adhesive on the underside of the shingles."

"A windstorm will pull up the shingles because of the poor seal. That means compromising the roof and more work and expense."



Inspecting the eaves of a multi-story home from a ladder can be daunting. Safety is the first rule when doing work around the house.

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Planning a project

There are a quite few things to think about before calling in a contractor to give a quote on a project. These are a few questions the contractor might ask:

• **What is the specific design of the project?** An architect or designer might be necessary to provide the right level of detail.

• **What is the budget?** If financing the home improvements, people should be aware that contractors are not allowed to lend money or to act in association with any lending institution if the loan for the improvements is secured by a mortgage on the same home.

If a home equity loan is considered, be sure the monthly payments are within the family budget.

• **What materials will be used?** Visit home-improvement centers, read magazines featur-

ing distinctive home designs, or talk to others who have completed similar renovations.

• **Clearly describe the work to be done in a specification sheet and floor plan for potential contractors.** When all contractors bidding on a job work from the same design description, there is more likely to be a complete and accurate bidding process.

Visit the state's Web site at www.mass.gov/portal/index, or simply www.mass.gov and choose the tab labeled "residents" for links to many resident services, including guidance to obtaining home-improvement services.

It is also possible to check the business record of any contractor to find out if there are any actions or complaints against the company.

Legal considerations

The state provides consumers with numerous guidelines and protections when dealing with home-improvement contractors.

Here are a few of the recommendations that can be found at the Web site www.mass.gov/.

1. Be sure the contractor obtains the building permit. If the homeowner obtains them, either because he intends to act as the general contractor for the project, or because the contractor requests it, options under the law may be reduced if a dispute arises.

For example, a homeowner taking out the building permit might not be eligible for compensation from the Guaranty Fund, and may also be liable for work-related accidents.

2. By law, the contractor cannot collect more than one-third

of the cost of the contract in advance, unless special-order materials are needed. This is the maximum deposit allowed by law, and a homeowner may negotiate with the contractor for a lesser amount. It is a good idea to base the payment schedule on the contractor's performance. Never let payments get ahead of the contractor's work.

3. For a large remodeling project that involves a substantial financial commitment, it might be best to consult an attorney about protecting oneself from mechanic liens against the home. A mechanic's lien is a way that anyone who provides labor or materials to the home can record a security interest in that home if they are not paid.

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To burn wood safely, focus on chimney's condition

Something about a roaring fire on a cool autumn night stirs all kinds of romantic yearnings and fascinations, and a fireplace is a desirable feature in many homes.

But there are dangers in the hypnotic flickerings, especially when the fireplace or woodburning stove is used as a main source of heating for the home.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports that in 1999, wood-burning appliances accounted for more fires, more fire deaths, and greater property damage than any other kind of heating fuel.

About 15,500 fires, 40 deaths and \$152 million in property damage were attributed to fireplace and chimney fires. These losses represented 35 percent of all heating fires in the US, 15 percent of deaths due to heating fires, and 29 percent of property damage caused by heating system fires in that year.

Not surprisingly, the CPSC research indicates that most wood heating fires involve the chimney and not the wood burning appliance itself.

Although most of these fires are contained within the chimney and cause no damage to the house, the CPSC is concerned not only about the chimney fires that did ignite other parts of the house, but also about the potential future hazard from the continued use of chimneys whose structural integrity has been compromised by a chimney fire. This is especially true in light

of the fact that many contained chimney fires are not reported to the fire services. In fact, says the commission, consumers may not even be aware that a chimney fire has occurred.

Because of this, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a special safety alert concerning chimneys used with woodburning stoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts. The CPSC urgently warns consumers to be aware of the potential fire hazards associated with these chimneys.

As a new heating season begins, the CPSC urges any homeowner using a stove or fireplace, to check the chimney for damage that might have occurred in the past heating season. If it is difficult to examine the chimney, a local chimney repairman, chimney sweep, or dealer can help. It is important to have damage repaired before the new season is in full swing.

Most fires involving either masonry or prefabricated metal chimneys occur because of improper installation, use or maintenance.

The following are the most common causes of chimney fires:

- Improper chimney installation too close to wood framing.
- Installation of thermal insulation too close to the chimney.
- Improperly passing the stovepipe or chimney through a ceiling or wall, causing ignition of wood framing.
- Structural damage to the



A fireplace can be a visual focal point for any room as well as a source of warmth. But wood-burning fires present certain risks that must be addressed.

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chimney caused by the ignition of creosote (a black tar-like substance that builds up inside the chimney in normal use).

Structural damage to metal prefabricated chimneys' that results in wood framing being exposed to excessive temperatures or leakage of potentially toxic gases to the interior of the home can take the following forms:

- Corrosion or rusting of the inner liners of metal chimneys.

• Buckling, separation of the seam or collapsing of the inner liner of metal chimneys. This can result from a fire that is too hot, especially in high-efficiency stoves and in fireplace inserts, or as the result of a creosote fire.

Structural damage also occurs in masonry chimneys, and is often associated with deterioration or improper installation of the chimney. The tile inner liner and the surrounding brick or block structure may

crack and separate, perhaps as a result of the ignition of creosote that has built up in the chimney. Many old chimneys do not have a tile liner. If your chimney does not have a liner, the addition of a properly installed liner is advisable. In addition, a clay liner should be sealed with refractory cement, which usually contains silica and is resistant to high heat.

Even when the heating appliance has been properly installed, people with either metal or masonry chimney systems should frequently check the chimney for creosote deposits, soot build-up or physical damage.

This involves only a simple visual examination, but it should be done as often as twice a month during heavy use. If heavy creosote buildup is apparent, if a problem is suspected, or if there has been a chimney fire, a qualified chimney repairman or chimney sweep should perform a complete safety inspection. They can arrange for any necessary repairs or creosote removal, which must be done before the heating appliance is used again.

There are products now available which, according to recent tests conducted by independent laboratories, show promise for reducing the production of creosote and harmful pollutant emissions. Advance wood stove designs appear to provide more complete combustion of the fuel. Catalytic com-

bustors appear to achieve similar results, and are available with new stoves or as separate components which can be installed between the flue gas exit and the chimney connector of existing stoves.

The CPSC advises owners of all chimneys to:

• Be sure that the chimney and stovepipe were installed correctly in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations and local codes. If there is any doubt, a building inspector or fire official can determine whether the system is properly installed.

• Minimize creosote formation by using proper stove size and by avoiding use of the low damper settings for extended periods of time.

• Have the chimney checked and cleaned routinely by a chimney sweep at least once a year. Inspect it frequently, as often as twice a month if necessary, and clean when a creosote buildup is noted.

• Always operate an appliance within the manufacturer's recommended temperature limits. Too low a temperature increases creosote buildup, and too high a temperature may eventually cause damage to the chimney and result in a fire.

• Frequently look for signs of structural failure.

For more information, the commission's toll-free hotline is 800-638-CPSC (2772) or visit the Web site at www.cpsc.gov/.

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Seasonal machines trading places

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the machine for the season is to top off the gas tank and close the fuel valve. "Topping off prevents any condensation that forms from rotting the gas tank," he explains, "and closing the fuel valve prevents moisture from getting inside the engine."

I say po-tay-toe

Maintaining a snowblower is substantially more complicated than servicing a lawn mower.

In fact, it turns out there is a big difference between what is called a snowblower and what is called a snow thrower.

"The snowblower (or snow thrower) is doing real work," says Winters. "While the mower just rotates a blade against simple grass, the snow machine has to lift heavy material and place it somewhere it doesn't want to go."

The result, in either case, is a machine with a lot of moving parts and an engine that functions in cold weather.

"Think about bringing your lawn mower out in February," says Winters. "How many times would you have to crank the engine before it started - if it started at all."

These machines must be much more substantial than

lawn mowers, and maintenance reflects those differences.

"We have to go over the 'skids' (shoes), the scraping edge and the (snow-handler), as well as the engine," says Winters.

The snow-handling mechanisms are what differentiate the snow-thrower from the snowblower. Winters describes the thrower as a "single-stage" machine, while the snowblower is a two-stage machine.

"The thrower is smaller and has a set of paddles that both pick up and throw the snow," explains Winters. "The snow blower uses an auger to pull up the snow and a separate impeller to blow the snow where it is directed."

The work is tougher, the machines are tougher and maintenance is tougher. All that adds up to a substantial queue for service.

Says Winters, "I have a one-month backlog already, and it's just the beginning of the season."

What's in the future for snowblowers, according to Winters is the switch from carbureted systems to fuel injection. That, he says, will add to the expense, but will significantly reduce emissions.



This might be in your future. Fall is the time to purchase and maintain snow-removal equipment.

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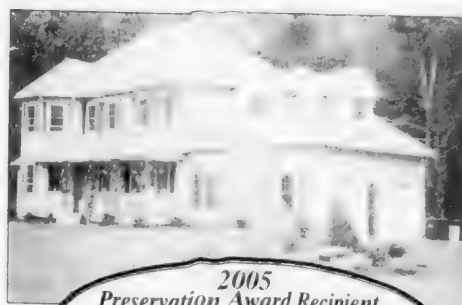
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Power up for the snow season

(MS) - Those who made a solemn promise last winter to avoid snow shoveling in the future made a wise decision, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which calls snow shoveling the third leading cause of weather-related deaths in winter.

For those looking to trade up to a snowblower, a few guidelines can lead to the right model.

What size

Walk-behind snow machines are in three categories - single-stage, two-stage and electric.

Single-stage units are light and easy to maneuver. They gather snow with a high-speed rotor and throw it out of the machine in a single action. Two-stage units are more powerful, first breaking up the snow with a slow-turning auger, then passing it to a high-speed impeller that blows it out a chute.

Two-stage snowblowers can tend to clog, so look for features such as adjustable chute rotation and snow deflection angles designed to reduce clogging.

How much power

Electric snow throwers are

not built to be as powerful as larger gas-powered models. For those with smaller areas to clear, an electric snow thrower might be ideal, clearing snow up to 6 inches deep and throwing snow as far as 20 feet away. It is good for cleaning sidewalks, decks and steps.

For heavy-duty snow removal, gas-powered equipment is the answer. Light, fluffy snow can be handled with a single-stage machine. For snow depths of more than 6 inches, or heavy, wet or icy snow, a two-stage snowblower is the best bet. Two-stage machines

aggressively move piles of snow, even those left by the snow plow. Areas with heavy, drifting snowfalls, such as ocean-effect snows, generally opt for two-stage models. Two-stage models are also the only option for unpaved surfaces, because they have 'skid shoes' that allow them to ride above the ground.

Purchase tips

• Pay close attention to the snow-throwing design. Models with easy-to-use drive and chute control mechanisms promote ease of maneuverability and

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MS - Choosing and hiring a professional remodeling contractor for a home-improvement project may take time, but it may easily be the most important aspect of the job.

The chance of encountering shoddy work, excessive costs and legal aggravations should deter homeowners from making a snap decision on this important step.

When homeowners evaluate professionals to complete a remodeling project, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) recommends they ask the following questions of the contractor's previous customers:

1. Were the previous customers able to communicate well with the remodeler?
2. Were they pleased with the quality of work? This is a difficult question, since everyone defines "quality" differently. It is a good idea to ask the person for details about the quality of the contractor's work.
3. Were they satisfied with the remodeler's business practices?
4. Did the work crews show up on time? Were they courteous and respectful of the work site, which is the customer's home?
5. Were they comfortable with the trades workers subcontracted by the remodeler?
6. Was the job completed on schedule?
7. Did the remodeler fulfill his or her contract? Were there unexpected costs? If so, what were they? Were they due to



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Choosing the right contractor at the start will save headaches all along the way for any home-improvement project.

changes to the project, substituted materials, poor estimating, unforeseen conditions?

8. Did the remodeler stay in touch throughout the project?

9. Were the final details finished in a timely manner?

10. Would they use the remodeler again without hesitation?

Once all these questions have been answered to the homeowner's satisfaction, it is a good time to ask one more question, "May I visit your home to view the completed job?"

Not every customer is going to be willing to open their home to a stranger, but at least one referenced job should be available for viewing before the hiring decision is made.

Of course, if homeowners are not satisfied with the answers, they should keep looking until they find a remodeling contractor with whom they can be comfortable.

Consumers can also call the NARI national hotline at 800-611-NARI and request NARI's brochure, "How to Select a Remodeling Professional," or visit the Web site www.RemodelToday.com and click on the homeowner's guide for more information.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry, with more than 7,100 member companies nationwide.

The Massachusetts attorney general's office also suggests checking the state's database online for any complaints that might have been filed against the contractor.

The attorney general also warns that a history that shows no complaints does not necessarily indicate satisfactory work. Since many people do not file complaints, following up on references is particularly important.

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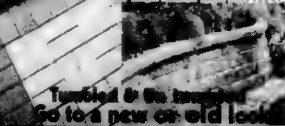
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Trimming prevents falling limbs

By Judith Bright

One of the more important fall chores around the yard is getting trees ready for the rigors of the coming season.

Snow and ice can build up on tree limbs very fast during winter storms, weighing them down and sometimes snapping them right off.

Fortunately, most tree limbs can withstand the weight and spring back to their upright positions as soon as the winter sun melts the snow. That happens because living tree limbs are filled with sap and are very flexible, with the exception of some species well-known to be brittle and easily broken (for example, the Chinese elm).

For that reason, preparing trees to withstand the winter is fairly simple, according to Daniel Ferris of Ferris Tree Service, 242 Chandler Road.

"Just walk around under all the trees in the yard," says Ferris, "and notice any dead limbs. Now is the time to do it, before the leaves fall. Once the leaves are gone, it's hard to tell a dead limb from a live one."

Every dead limb does not have to be dealt with, says Ferris. "All trees, particularly evergreens, shed their lower limbs. They don't get as much light way below the crown, so they don't leaf. No leaves, no life."

"Unless the limbs are close to or touching the house, or overhanging a part of the yard where people frequent, such as walkways or parts where kids play, they won't do any harm."

Limbs overhanging the house can damage the roof and more if they come down in a storm, but these branches should be removed whether live or dead, according to Ferris. "Rodents, especially squirrels can gain entry to attic spaces by limbs that are too close to the house."

It can be a lot easier to get rid of the tree limb and prevent an invasion of wildlife than try to evict the unwanted guests later.

Homeowners trying to look over the trees on their property will be able to notice most problems that need an immediate fix, says Ferris.

"(The homeowner) doesn't have to be an expert," he says. "A simple walk around the

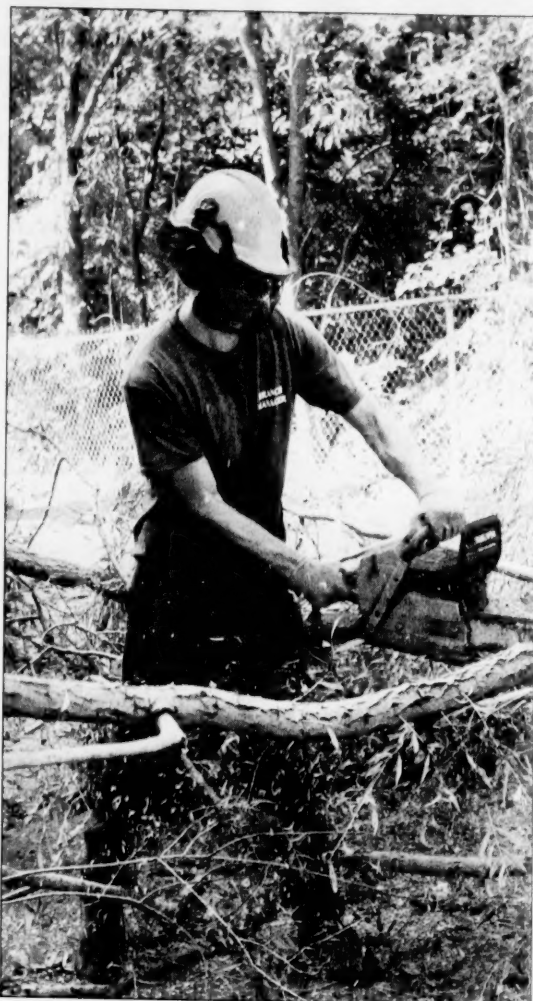


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Mike Ferris of Ferris Tree Service in Andover takes a chainsaw to some limbs before feeding them to the chipper that reduces the bulky waste to a manageable size.

entire property should do it. Look for rot at the base of a tree. Holes in the ground near the roots and dead, leafless branches, or branches on the ground are easy to spot."

Brown needles on the ground under evergreens is a common – and completely normal – phenomenon, says Ferris. Evergreens shed their needle-like leaves every year, just as deciduous trees do, but without losing all their leaves and entering a dormant stage.

"If some branches in the living evergreen are covered with brown needles, that indicates a

problem," says Ferris.

Another problem that homeowners can spot on their own is the presence of bittersweet vine.

"Bittersweet will choke the life out of a tree," says Ferris, and advises homeowners to cut it back every year wherever they find it.

"It is green and leafy and looks weak. But it wraps itself around the tree trunk and squeezes the life out of it. Bittersweet also 'out-canopies' the tree," he says. "It uses the tree's own trunk and climbs up to the top, where it grows and posi-

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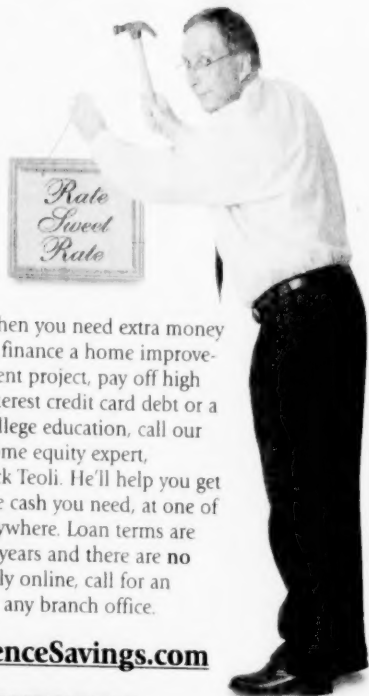
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Even if the general contractor has been paid, if he or she fails to pay a subcontractor on the project, there is still a risk of having a mechanic's lien filed.

Such a filing might require paying a bill twice, initially to the general contractor and then to the unpaid subcontractor, in order to avoid losing the home in a foreclosure proceeding.

4. If the home improvements

are being financed, be aware that contractors are not allowed to lend the money. Get a cost estimate from the contractor for the work that needs to be done, and then shop around for the best financing option.

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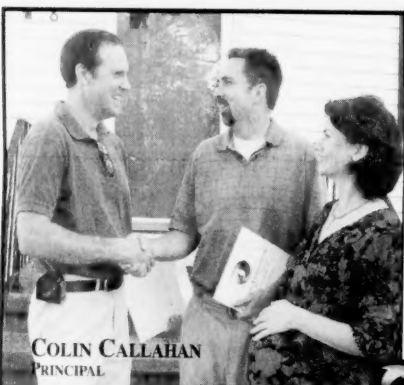
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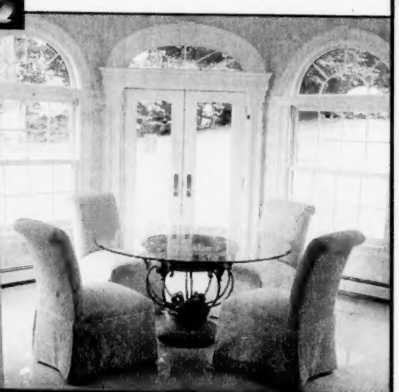
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Replacement windows pay for themselves

(MS) - If the house feels a bit drafty as the temperatures drop outside, the windows may not be working hard enough to keep the family comfortable.

"You should evaluate the condition of your windows at the change of every season," recommends Bill Lazor, a product expert at Simonton Windows.

"If you see unusual frost buildup on the inside of your window panes, or if there are consistent drafts coming in through your windows, those are clear signs it's time to consider a window replacement." Assess windows by checking around them for hot and cold spots or drafty areas, which can indicate energy loss. Make sure they have adequate weather stripping and caulking to ensure a secure seal around the openings. And seal up little cracks or gaps where air can leak into the home - these are usually found around windows and doors, in recessed lighting fixtures and in uninsulated attics and basements.

Most people wouldn't consider leaving a window open all winter long. However, some homes have so many of these gaps that leaving a window open is more or less equivalent to what they are doing.

Lazor agrees. "Every building product and appliance in your house has a lifespan - and windows are no exception," he says. "We'd like to think that our roof, siding and windows will last forever, but they don't. Depending on the quality of your current windows, you could get 15 or 20 years out of them before a replacement is necessary."

The good news is that replacing the windows is an invest-



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Energy saving replacement windows come in sizes and styles that reflect elegance as well as practicality.

ment in the home that will pay back costs immediately with reduced heating and cooling bills.

Moreover, industry advances such as increased energy efficiency and tilt-in hardware for easy cleaning can also increase a home's resale value, since newly replaced windows can be a prime selling point for prospective buyers.

In addition to noticing drafts and frost buildup, other tips for deciding whether it's time to consider window replacements are the following:

Tip #1 - Look for "burnt out" or faded areas on indoor furnishings and carpeting. These areas show where harmful ultraviolet rays have come through the windows and damaged the interior of the home.

Tip #2 - If any window no longer opens or closes easily, or needs to be propped open, the functional aspect of the window is gone.

Tip #3 - Check the fit of current windows by having someone stand outside the windows at night. With a small flashlight, stand inside and "travel" around the window's seals. If the person outside sees areas of light coming through, this indicates seal failure - a probable energy loss.

Once it is decided that it is time to seriously consider a window replacement project, be sure to find windows that are suited to the Andover climate.

Vinyl is an excellent insulator, and many people choose low-maintenance vinyl frames with argon or krypton gasses sandwiched between the sealed glass units.

These harmless gasses serve as a barrier to harmful ultraviolet rays so they don't fade upholstery and carpets. They also help save on energy bills. Look for the ENERGY STAR label when purchasing replacement windows to make certain the windows are certified for maximum energy efficiency in this geographic area.

"There are a lot of decisions to make when selecting windows," Lazor says. "We encourage people to do their homework. Research the manufacturer, the product being purchased and the comprehensiveness of the warranty. Price is important, but it's not the most important thing when selecting windows."

As he puts it, "Not all windows are created equal. If you choose the lowest-cost product, you may find yourself very unhappy several years down the road."

With an increasing number of homes being built near airports, highways and downtown areas, window manufacturers are developing sound-dampening windows to help keep the home quieter. In addition, laminated and impact-resistant glass products help protect homes from storms and offer more security.

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tions its own leaves to get all the available sun. The tree dies from

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Finally says Ferris, unless there is a hazard to people or property, homeowners should

wait until there is a substantial amount of work to be done and then, for efficiency, have it done all at one time.

"That way the homeowner

can schedule into our less busy time as well," says Ferris, "which can be favorable on both sides."

Snowthrower tips

■ THROWING SNOW

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snow placement.

• Look for a better model that can start easily. Many gas-powered models have electric start options, which are highly recommended on larger two-stage units. Choose manufacturers who offer engines with starting guarantees.

• Problems can arise, so read the warranty before purchasing. The best warranties cover all material and workmanship defects for two years or more. It is also a good idea to be sure there's a local service center for the brand of snowthrower.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT SECTION

Energy audit can reduce costs due to heat loss

By Judith Bright

Heat loss to the outdoors through drafty windows and doors and uninsulated ceilings and walls can place a significant drain on any homeowner's pocketbook, especially in a period of rising fuel costs.

According to the monthly forecast issued September 7 by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration, worldwide energy demand was already expected to be high, even before the devastation caused by hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast. Depending on the rate of the recovery that unfolds over the next few weeks, the pain felt in the Northeast as the heating season descends could be significant.

A home energy audit program mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and administered through the utility companies might help homeowners save money by reducing wasted fuel due to heat

loss in the home.

The utilities themselves do not carry out the audits, but subcontract the program to specialist firms. For example, customers of Mass Electric, 1101 Turnpike St., North Andover who telephone the company's customer service department will be directed to Mass Save (1-800-632-8300), which administers the state-mandated residential program.

According to a Mass Save representative, homeowners are screened to determine their location, type of heating system and other characteristics. The home is then matched to an organization that will perform the no-cost audit.

The energy assessment involves a walk around the house both indoors and outdoors, and most often results in a number of recommendations for saving money by tightening up everything from the chimney to the attic insulation. Doors and windows are especially frequent



One source of heat loss is the point at which the vent from the heating system enters the chimney. This is the kind of tight seal a home-energy audit recommends to homeowners.

causes of heat loss.

Appliances are another costly energy drain, particularly refrigerators, which can use too much electricity when door seals fail.

Once the energy audit is performed and recommendations made, most energy audits will also include information about incentives and upgrades.

Up to 50 percent of the cost of home insulation, for example, might be tax deductible, up to a cap of \$1,500. Another frequent incentive is a rebate program

that returns as much as \$200 of the purchase price of an energy-efficient refrigerator.

While most incentives are provided by the state, the individual utilities often run limited-time incentives available to their customers.

A homeowner will not necessarily feel the presence of an energy-gobbling draft, so the energy audit is a revealing tool offered free to any homeowner. The incentives offered might even make the experience profitable.

Shed light efficiently

(MS) - Call it a consumer conundrum. While light bulbs are part of every home's décor, many are not energy-efficient. That reality leaves homeowners in the difficult position of choosing between being stylish or environmentally friendly.

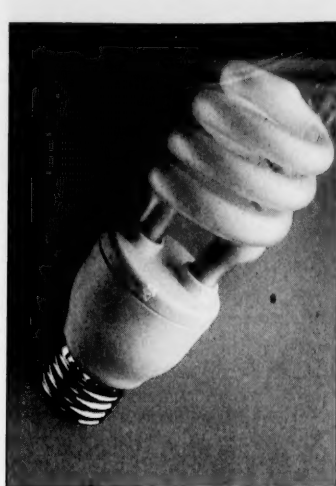
"Most people don't realize that their homes are responsible for more air pollution than their cars," said Wendy Reed, Energy Star spokesperson for the Environmental Protection Agency. "Every time you turn on a light or run your air conditioner, there is a power plant somewhere that has to deliver that energy to your home."

While going back to the days without electric light is not an option, finding a better light bulb is.

Compact fluorescent lamps, or CFLs, are becoming a more attractive option for consumers. They use 75 percent less energy than traditional bulbs and can last for six years.

"CFLs have a real and positive impact on the environment, because they reduce energy usage and provide a cooler light source," stated Jon DiGesu of Sylvania. "They can actually reduce... air conditioning usage."

CFLs have come a long way since they first reached the consumer market over a decade



Electricity costs due to lighting also go up during the fall and winter months.

ago. Advances in lighting technology have made them brighter and more aesthetically pleasing than ever before. This means that style isn't sacrificed in the name of environmental consciousness.

"Lighting designers are looking for a cleaner, whiter light and homeowners are responding to that by their increased interest in 'true-color' bulbs, which produce a light similar to that of daylight," DiGesu said. "Daylight CFLs not only help the environment by saving energy, but they also help create a beautiful home environment."

Energy Star recently gave Daylight CFLs their seal of approval.

"When you see the Energy Star mark on a product, you can trust that it meets energy guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy," Reed noted. "It's just as simple as looking for the label. You know that you are using less energy, which means you're responsible for less air pollution."

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